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Palestinian teenagers killed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 3, (Reuters): Israeli troops shot dead two Palestinians and wounded several others during widespread protests today, Arab sources said.

The renewed surge of violence appeared to contradict assertions by Israeli officials that the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip was waning.

The sources said troops shot 18-year-old Omar Mohammed Al Mansara and 19-year-old Nidal Ali Bahut in the head during a clash with stone-throwing protesters in the West Bank village of Bani Naim and wounded several others.

An Army spokesman confirmed the deaths.

Toll

The killings bring the death toll, in nearly five months of anti-Israeli disturbances in the occupied territories, to 172 Arabs and two Israelis.

Security sources said troops shot and wounded at least two Arab residents of the Gaza Strip who tried to stop workers travelling to work in Israel in defiance of a general strike call by Palestinian activists.

Most shops and businesses in the Gaza Strip obeyed the strike order by the uprising's clandestine leadership and witnesses said youths blocked the deserted streets with blazing tyres and hurled stones at Army patrols.

Troops clamped curfews on the Shat'ati, Nuseirat and Khan Yunis Palestinian refugee camps and on part of Rafah camp, security sources said.

In the West Bank, Palestinians stoned Israeli cars in Kalkilya and clashed with security forces in Nablus and Hebron.

Troops hunt commandos

Israel raids S. Lebanon

RASHAYA, Lebanon, May 3, (Reuters): Israeli troops hunting Lebanese and Palestinian commandos advanced deep into southern Lebanon today, sparking an alert among Syrian troops nearby and a complaint to the United Nations.

Security sources in the Christian town of Marjayoun, headquarters of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia, said Israel sent more than 2,000 troop reinforcements there last night.

Detailed

They said about 1,500 Israelis and SLA militiamen were besieging four villages some 10 km beyond Israel's south Lebanon border "security zone" and had also raided four villages inside the zone.

They rounded up more than 2,000 people for investigation, and detained scores of men, the sources said. Many residents had fled into nearby mountains.

Witnesses said troops, backed by tanks and helicopter gun-

ships, stormed houses in the villages of Ain Aata, Libbaya, Mimess and Kfar on the rugged slopes of Mount Hermon.

At least 25 Israeli tanks and military vehicles moved into Ain Aata as Israeli jets flew overhead. Israeli troops set up a checkpoint at the northern end of the village and prevented journalists entering.

The advancing troops, rolling through villages up to 25 km from the Israeli border, appealed through loudspeakers to people to stay indoors.

In Beirut, acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss said Lebanon was lodging a complaint against Israel at the United Nations and was considering calling for a Security Council meeting.

Alert

In Israel, military sources said hundreds of troops were combing the western slopes of the Hermon range for Palestinian commandos and their local allies.

The Israeli-SLA force met no resistance as it unleashed a barrage of artillery fire on

surrounding hilltops to deter any attack.

Syria, which has more than 25,000 troops in Lebanon, put its soldiers on alert in the eastern Bekaa Valley, 17 km to the north of the besieged villages, the sources said.

They said the Syrians were keeping a close watch on the movements of the advancing force, which was only 10 km west of the Syrian border.

Lebanon's acting prime minister said: "The Israelis claim it is a search operation, but it is much more than that. The Israelis are terrorising the population. They are paralysing civil life and creating havoc."

"Due to the gravity of the situation, we gave instructions to our representative at the United Nations to lodge a serious complaint and explore the possibility of calling the Security Council for a meeting," Hoss added.

A political analyst in Beirut described the Israeli-SLA search as a "message to Syria and the Palestinians that Israel will not tolerate unresisted commando attacks against it."

Palestinian officials have said attacks would be stepped up after the reconciliation between Yasir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus last week.

Infiltration

Commandos have tried to infiltrate Israel from Lebanon eight times in the last four months. Five Israeli soldiers and 17 commandos were killed in the raids.

The commandos increased their efforts to support the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation which erupted in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in December.

Tunur Goksel, spokesman for the UN peacekeeping force in south Lebanon, said Israeli troops raided the villages of Shebaa, Kfar Shouba, Habbariyeh and Kfar Hamam inside the security zone.

"They are searching the four villages in the zone. They have gathered all the men in a meeting

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Sheikh Saad to visit US in July

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla has accepted US President Reagan's invitation to visit Washington from July 10-14, the Council of Ministers has announced.

Sheikh Saad will meet Reagan on July 12.

In Washington, US officials said the talks between the Crown Prince and Reagan would focus on the Iran-Iraq war and the volatile situation in the Gulf.

A Reagan administration official said details of the visit had yet to be worked out but they said the situation in the Gulf, where Iran and Iraq have waged war since September 1980, would likely dominate the talks.

The official, who spoke on condition he not be identified, said the visit was "an outgrowth

of our close bilateral relationship.

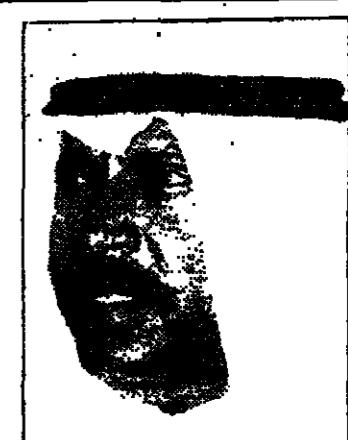
"They have been working closely with us on a number of issues. They have supported us at the UN in our efforts to end the war in the Gulf," the official said.

Last July, Reagan decided to place 11 tankers under the protection of the US flag and American warships have since then escorted at least 48 convoys of the re-registered vessels up and down the Gulf, to and from Kuwait.

US forces two weeks ago.

The US official said Sheikh Saad would meet several cabinet officials, possibly including Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci and Secretary of State George Shultz, and hold talks with leading Congressmen during his four-day official visit.

The Kuwaiti embassy in Washington said Sheikh Saad has never visited Washington before, either in a private or official capacity.



Premier: talks

Jordan ready to form joint delegation

CAIRO, May 3, (UPI): King Hussein of Jordan said yesterday his country is prepared to form a joint delegation with Palestinian representatives to participate in the proposed international peace conference on the Middle East.

"We are prepared to form a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to take part in the international peace conference if the parties concerned agree on that," the official Cairo Radio quoted Hussein as saying.

Hussein repeated previous statements that Jordan will neither attend the Middle East peace conference as a substitute for the Palestine Liberation Organisation or negotiate on behalf of the Palestinian people."

Palestinian leaders, meanwhile, condemned US peace proposals for the Middle East and vowed to step up Palestinians' protests in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Eid on 'May 16'

A LOCAL daily quoted the Kuwaiti astronomer Dr Saleh Al Ojaire as stating that May 16 would be the first day of Eid Al Fitr.

But, an astronomical study using computers conducted by Dr. Fuad Al Gharaibeh of Motah University of Jordan and an identical study undertaken by Egypt showed that May 17 will be the first day of Eid.



A little Afghan child clings onto the back of her mother's burqa, the traditional full body cover worn by Muslim women in Afghanistan.

India, Pakistan hold talks on Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, May 3, (Reuters): An envoy of Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi arrived in Islamabad today saying he would discuss the Afghan issue with Pakistani leaders.

Foreign Secretary, K.P.S. Menon, told reporters his main interest in formal talks with his Pakistani counterpart Abdul Sattar would be the discussions on Afghanistan.

Menon was also due to meet President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo.

Pakistan put off a visit by Menon at the beginning of March after Zia had turned down an invitation from Rajiv to go to New Delhi for talks on the Afghan war.

Pakistan, then engaged in the United Nations-sponsored talks for an Afghan settlement, did not encourage Indian moves to get into the process.

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Reagans rely on astrologers

WASHINGTON, May 3, (Agencies): President Reagan and his wife Nancy have consulted an astrologer in drawing up their schedules and have sometimes ordered staff to change their schedules when the star-gazer warned against travelling on a certain day, NBC (television) News reported yesterday.

The Newsweek magazine reported this week that former White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan will disclose in his forthcoming book that Reagan and his wife, Nancy, consult astrologers for help in making decisions.

Sources told NBC that scheduling of major events, including travel, have been changed because the Reagans said an astrologer indicated another time would be better.

Righter

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater denied that Reagan consults an astrologer before making any "big" decisions, but he indicated many in the White House, including the Reagans, read their horoscopes daily.

When Reagan became President, there were widespread reports that he consulted Carroll Righter, a Hollywood astrologer, when he lived in California. Righter died on Saturday night at age 88.

Regan's book, due out later this month from Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, gives the President gentle treatment, Newsweek said.

It precedes a series of planned meetings between India and Pakistani officials to improve the often strained relations between the two neighbours.

Muslim guerrillas said yesterday they had taken another town in the southern Afghan province of Kandahar after it was abandoned by Soviet-backed government forces.

Guerrillas moved into Afghanistan after helicopters evacuated an unspecified number of troops and civilian government officials on Sunday, guerrilla sources in Pakistan said.

Guerrillas fired four rockets into Kabul and one exploded in the city's diplomatic enclave, injuring a Bulgarian diplomat and his son, Western and East bloc diplomats have said.

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India's fragmented opposition in further trouble

Hegde faces confidence vote

BANGALORE, India, May 3, (Reuters): India's fragmented opposition faced a crucial challenge to its hopes of forging a united front today as a key opposition figure was challenged in a vote of confidence.

Karnataka's Chief Minister Ramakrishna Hegde, must survive the confidence motion brought against him in the southern state's legislature by dissenters in his own Janata Party if he is to pursue his aim of a united opposition.

Candidate

The Janata Party, which ruled India from 1977 to 1979, has spearheaded attempts to unite the opposition against Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's nationally ruling Congress (I) Party.

Reagans, arresting about 55 people.

Authorities imposed an indefinite curfew and deployed troops in the northern Orangi district of Pakistan's largest city to prevent further violence in the area.

The deaths brought to 11 the number of fatalities from four days of clashes in the southern port of Karachi between mobajir migrants from India and Pathans from Pakistan's North West Frontier Province. At least 24 people have been injured.

Police fired into the air and used tear gas to disperse the rioters, arresting about 55 people.

Police said a woman from the north Indian state of Punjab was stabbed to death when Pathan youths attacked the house where she was staying. Additionally two Pathans were stabbed to death.

Two Pathans were killed by gunmen from the rival community, and at least eight other people received stab or bullet wounds, police said.

In the neighbouring district of Nazimabad, police said a mobajir youth stabbed to death a Pathan rickshaw driver on Monday evening.

Probe into hijacking

BANGKOK, May 3, (AP): International Air Transport Association officials arrived today to inspect security at Bangkok airport, where it is believed the hijackers of a Kuwaiti airliner probably smuggled their weapons aboard.

Juergen Berger said he and three other group officials probably would stay until the end of the week but declined to discuss details of their work.

The Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 was commanded on April 5 by hijackers after it took off for Kuwait after 15 hours on the ground at Bangkok's Don Muang international airport.

The plane spent several days in Mashhad, Iran, and Larnaca, Cyprus, before flying to Algiers. The ordeal ended there on April 20 with the release of the final 31 hostages.

INTERNATIONAL

Solidarity mounts new challenge

Hundreds join Polish strike

GDANSK, Poland, May 3. (Reuters) - Hundreds of workers streamed into the strikebound Lenin Shipyard at Poland's northern port of Gdansk today to join strikers who occupied the yard throughout the night.

Police did not intervene as crowds of workers entered through gates festooned with banners and flags and guarded by supporters of the outlawed Solidarity Free Trade Union.

The strike leader told reporters 2,000 men occupied the shipyard during the night as Solidarity mounted a new challenge to the communist government of General Wojciech Jaruzelski at the place where it was born in 1980.

"We feel the whole country is looking at us," said 62-year-old Alojzy Szablewski, chairman of the 15-member Solidarity Strike Committee.

Support

"We want to give support to those who have been striking for so long at the Lenin Steel Mill (near Krakow)," he added.

The Gdansk strike began on Monday after a call from Solidarity leader Lech Walesa

for action to support 16,000 striking workers at the giant Lenin Steel Mill at Nowa Huta, near Krakow in southern Poland, who are now in the eighth day of their stoppage.

Szablewski, who was chairman of the strike committee at the Gdansk shipyard during an historic strike in August 1980, that led to the birth of Solidarity, said the men were determined to push through their demands.

"People here are all determined to win no matter what the consequences may be," he said.

Authorities have declared both strikes illegal and threatened participants with up to three years jail. Yesterday police rounded up at least seven members of Solidarity's 13-man National Executive Commission across the country.

Poland has had five major strikes in a week, prompting General Jaruzelski to declare on Sunday the government would not permit a return to the "anarchy and uproar" of the Solidarity era.

In Washington, the United States criticised police use of force against Polish May Day

demonstrators and urged dialogue between the government and Polish society on economic reform.

Pope John Paul, in his first public comments on the labour unrest in his native Poland, said management and workers should seek ways of making work more human, Vatican Radio reported.

The scene at the Lenin Shipyard was reminiscent of August 1980 when Solidarity was born during a massive strike wave that toppled communist leader Edward Gierek.

Banners, flags, flowers and pictures of the Pope and the Virgin Mary once again hung from the main gate — nearly six years after Jaruzelski imposed martial law to crush the free trade union.

Outside the gate, candles lit by well-wishers flickered round a giant monument erected under Solidarity to strikers shot by security forces in an earlier upheaval in 1970.

Shipyard director Czeslaw Tolwinski met the 15-member strike committee after dark, but only to tell them he would talk only with the official communists.

Move to smoothly run S. Korean parliament

Roh ready to share power

SEOUL, May 3. (AP) - President Roh Tae-Woo's government is ready to share power with the opposition in the National Assembly following its defeat in legislative elections, party officials said today.

Officials of Roh's Democratic Justice Party said they hoped to solve the issue with the opposition early, so the new National Assembly can open around May 20.

"We would favourably consider an opposition demand that the parliamentary leadership be shared by parties according to their assembly seats," party floor leader Kim Yoon-Hwan said after a meeting with senior party officials.

Kim, who was appointed on Monday, in a shakeup of the party's leadership, said formal discussion on the subject could start

after the opposition parties hold their national conventions next week.

Kim said the government party, still the largest in the assembly with 125 seats, wants to take the speakership but would cede the two vice-speaker posts to the opposition. Traditionally, only one vice-speaker post was allotted to the opposition.

The heads of 13 assembly committees, Kim said, would also be shared with the opposition. In the past, all committees were headed by ruling party members.

Majority

Opposition candidates made a strong showing in the April 26 legislative elections, stripping the government party of its parliamentary majority for the first time in South Korea's modern history.

Thousands apply for US amnesty

HOUSTON, May 3. (AP) - Thousands of undocumented aliens armed with lawn chairs, ice chests and toys queued outside the nation's busiest immigration office Monday to apply for amnesty just two days before the unprecedented plan's deadline.

Immigration and Naturalization Service officials hired police officers to control crowds and traffic, and brought in portable toilets to ease the wait.

"This is an incredible amount of activity," regional INS commissioner Mario Ortiz said. "The pace is really phenomenal, particularly in Dallas and Houston."

The 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act allows aliens who can prove continuous residency in the United States since Jan. 1, 1982, to apply for legal status by midnight Wednesday. The filing fee is \$185 for adults and \$50 for children, with a family limit of \$420.

By midmorning Monday, a

line containing several hundred people circled the shopping center that houses the Houston office and stretched into an alley.

Applications

Many of the 2,000 applicants processed by noon had camped out since Sunday evening to be at the head of the line, said Richard Rios, director of the centre.

"I really didn't know what to do," Zeerak Khan, 20, of Pakistan, said as she waited in the line. "That's why I waited until the last minute."

Officials planned to deal with the last-minute rush by keeping offices in the 13-state southern region open from Tuesday morning straight through to the midnight Wednesday deadline, Ortiz said. They also were waiving interviews with applicants until after the deadline.

People turning in applications Monday received a receipt, temporary work authorization number and an interview date, in many cases not until November.

Bangladeshi leftists kill two policemen

DHAKA, May 3. (Reuter) - Extremists from a left-wing underground party seeking a revolution in Bangladesh shot dead two policemen and stole 11 rifles and a submachine-guns in a raid on a police station on Monday, police said.

They said about 25 members of the Sarbahara Party stormed the police station in Brahmanbaria district and sprayed policemen with automatic-rifle fire.

Two policemen were killed, three were wounded and others held hostage for more than an hour.

Before leaving, the attackers shouted slogans and left documents identifying themselves as Sarbahara members and threatening to launch more attacks.

This was the first Sarbahara attack since January when extremists gunned down two people in Lakhipur village, 50 km from Dhaka.



● Stretching both ways, this elephant and a visiting youngster narrow the gap separating animals from the public for a handful of food at the Antwerp Zoo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Plans to put pigeons on pills

ADELAIDE, May 3. (Reuter)

The pigeons of Adelaide may be given birth-control pills after guns, tranquilizers, wooden eagles and traps failed to curb their numbers.

The use of a contraceptive mixed with grain to control the pigeon population is under consideration, principal health surveyor Peter Griffin, in charge of keeping the city's pavements dropping-free, said in a report.

"The pigeons could probably still enjoy a nice life but they just won't produce their pigeon pair four or five times a year," he said.

Shooting and the use of tranquillizers failed to help stop the pigeons from multiplying, he said.

"We've also used effigies of predators such as eagles and hawks, but after a while the pigeons get used to it and almost adopt it as a friend," Griffin said.

Government officials said trapping pigeons in the city had also failed, he said.

"A large trap was placed on the town hall roof and live pigeons were used as a decoy.

Quotas

Khayyat said the reduction in numbers was made to ensure the safety and comfort of pigeons and was not related to Saudi Arabia's move to set national quotas because renovations to the holy sites had cut the availa-

Jordan cuts number of pilgrims

AMMAN, May 3. (Reuter)

Jordan will send fewer pilgrims than usual on this year's Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah, religious Affairs Minister Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat has announced.

He told a news conference Jordan had set a figure of 15,000, down from last year's 18,000. It would include 7,000 Jordanians, 3,500 Palestinians from the West Bank, 1,500 from the Gaza Strip and 2,500 Israeli Arabs.

But he said the continued anti-Israeli protests in the occupied territories were likely to cut the number of Palestinians making the pilgrimage, which starts in mid-July.

"We expect only a maximum of 12,000 pilgrims to go this year," he said. Pilgrims from the occupied territories and Israel normally travel to Saudi Arabia via Jordan.

Khayyat did not expect any Iranians to make the pilgrimage this year because of the "bilateral situation between the two states."

Saudi Arabia cut diplomatic relations with Iran on April 26 after 10 months of retributions over last year's violence, capped by the dispute over quotas.

Settlers oppose Mitterrand's re-election

Whites vow to battle Kanaks

NOUMEA, New Caledonia, May 3. (Reuter)

Militant white settlers loyal to the French flag today threatened full-scale battle with ethnic Kanaks separatist rebels if France's Socialist President Francois Mitterrand wins re-election next weekend.

They said about 25 members of the ultra-right Loyalist National Party, told Reuters that settlers in the South Pacific territory had learned their lesson four years ago and had since organised self-defence groups to "meet fire with fire."

If Mitterrand wins the election next Sunday there will be civil war, he said. "People were taken by surprise by separatist attacks in 1984. Now they are prepared to fight back, within a strictly legal framework of self-defence."

Mitterrand, expected to beat conservative challenger Prime Minister Jacques Chirac on May 8, favours independence in association with France for New Caledonia and is accused by the Loyalists of showing a

preference for the indigenous people's demands.

Chirac has implied that Mitterrand indirectly abetted the current crisis by entertaining ties with leaders of the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS).

Hostage

Kanaks are holding France's top paramilitary gendarme, 21 colleagues and a magistrate hostage, but officials report little progress in efforts to free them.

Loyalists have started to fight back against the anti-colonial violence. It is targeted at more than 8,000 French troops, paramilitary gendarmes and police dug in across the islands, populated by 145,000 people, 43 percent of them indigenous Kanaks.

Guerrillas are holding the hostages in a tribal cave on the eastern island of Ouvéa. Officials have said over 300 soldiers are surrounding the near-unassailable cave at the top of a scrub-covered seaside cliff.

Police reported no injuries but said the explosion was powerful, sending debris from the gutted vehicle flying over rooftops.

In another incident a French television crew was stopped by a

group of 10 club-wielding loyalists who surrounded the crew's vehicle late on Monday, but then walked away saying they were after the skins of another network.

The incidents revived fears in Noumea of a repeat of inter-communal violence in 1984 and 1985 which caused 32 deaths and crippled the tropical territory's tourist and nickel-based economy.

Seven people have died in the latest flare-up of anti-colonial violence. It is targeted at more than 8,000 French troops, paramilitary gendarmes and police dug in across the islands, populated by 145,000 people, 43 percent of them indigenous Kanaks.

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place. They are lecturing them about terrorism," he said.

Israeli and SLA forces normally stay within the zone, a strip up to 15 km deep and 120 km long from the Mediterranean coast to the foothills of Mount Hermon.

The four besieged villages lie north of the Arquob district, known as "Fatah Land" after Arafat's mainstream Palestinian Fatah group which had a military stronghold there before Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

The Israeli-SLA force distributed leaflets warning the estimated 20,000 residents of the four villages against helping Palestinian and Lebanese nationalists.

Goksel said the peacekeeping UN interim force in Lebanon (Unifil) had complained to the Israeli government about the advance, partly through Unifil held areas of the south, and had demanded an Israeli withdrawal.

Independent security sources thought the military operation would last into Wednesday. They said the Israelis moved in 1,700 soldiers for the advance, along with 40 armoured vehicles, 10 tanks and dozens of trucks loaded with ammunition.

In the south Lebanese port of Sidon, security sources said SLA militiamen entrenched in overlooking hills were exchanging heavy artillery fire with Muslim and Palestinian commandos.

Britain condemned Israel's incursion into Lebanon and withdrew its embassy from southern Lebanon.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Arafat commands

BEIRUT, May 3. (Reuter) - Commandos loyal to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat have gained control of Shatila refugee camp in Beirut, ousting a rival faction, independent Palestinian sources said today.

Arab-African ties

DAMASCUS, May 3. (Reuter) - Arab states will work to roll back Iranian diplomatic offensive in African countries which received massive financial aid from oil exporters, the Arab League secretary-general said today.

Students boycott

COLOMBO, May 3. (Reuter) - Hundreds of students stayed away from examinations in three Sri Lankan universities today despite tight police security to guard against leftist disruption, police and university officials said.

Plane's door falls

LONDON, May 3. (AP) - An undercarriage door fell from an Ileandair aircraft as the Boeing 727 approached London's Heathrow airport on Monday, and demolished a fence in the back garden of a suburban home, officials said. No one was injured.

Angola peace talks

LONDON, May 3. (AP) - South Africa, Cuba and Angola today began two days of US-sponsored negotiations aimed at the withdrawal of foreign troops from the civil war in Angola that no one is winning.

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Concentrate on efforts to end Gulf war: Meguid

EGYPT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Dr Esmat Abdul Meguid has emphasised the importance of concentrating efforts, in the coming period, on means of ending the Gulf conflict as a prelude to a comprehensive peaceful settlement.

In an interview with Al Sebagh, Dr Meguid asserted the necessity of achieving Arab solidarity and mobilisation of the international stance to pressure Iran into accepting implementation of Security Council resolution 398, and if necessary, the passing of another UN resolution imposing sanctions against Iran.

Condemning the Iranian hostile attitude against Kuwait which is a non-belligerent party to the protracted Gulf war, the Egyptian diplomat applauded the Kuwaiti solid stance during the skyjack of the Kuwaiti airliner "Al Jaberia."

He said the recent Iranian attack on the Kuwaiti Sabian Island constitutes violation of sovereignty and security of Kuwait.

Meguid accused Israel of being behind the killing of a top Palestinian leader in Tunis last month.

"It is quite clear that Israel is the major beneficiary of this crime which it masterminded," Meguid said.

"Evidence exists pointing to

Israel's role in this operation," he said.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister was commenting on the assassination in Tunis April 18 of Khalil Al Wazir, also known by his nom de guerre as Abu Jihad, or father of war. Al Wazir was deputy commander of Palestinian revolutionary forces.

Tension

Meguid noted that the Israeli threats to blast missiles acquired by Saudi Arabia constitute a form of support to the Iranian attempts to increase tension in the Arabian Gulf region, adding that his country will not allow any aggression against Saudi Arabia.

He said following restoration of ties between Cairo and some Arab capitals, coordination to counter challenges and to achieve security and stability in the region was enhanced.

Initiative

On the raging popular uprising in the occupied Arab territories, the Egyptian official said it is a strong expression of an Arab people's rejection to practices of an occupation that breaches international principles.

Egypt supports the continuation of the popular uprising, he said, adding that it should be invested in favour of activating the peace process in the Middle East.

Contract signed for construction

New Indian embassy complex

THE Indian Charge d'Affaires, Atish Sinha, yesterday signed a KD2 million contract with the chairman of Ghafsa Group, Nhoury, for the construction of the new Indian embassy complex, to be located in the diplomatic area of the Arab Gulf Street.

Contractors Company of Kuwait are building the complex in association with Larsen and Toubro (ECC Group) of India.

The new two-storey premises will be built on 4,000 square metres of land, facing the waterfront on the Gulf street. The built-up area would be 6,000 square metres.

Designed by leading Indian architects, Sankha and Chetan, the complex includes a minister's residence and flats for other embassy staff. It also includes the consular section and an auditorium, with a capacity to accommodate 400 people.

The building exterior would resemble a traditional Indian fort, and is to be built in red



Atish Sinha (right) and Said Khoury signing the contract.

Indian sandstone. Landscaping is to include Mughal style gardens inside the embassy complex.

Work on the new premises begins within the next two weeks.

Girl killed in Faitha

A LOCAL daily reported yesterday the death of a 19-year-old girl who was apparently killed in the Faitha area. Security sources said the victim's brother notified police about the death of his sister.

The body of the victim was transferred to the medical examiner who reported that death occurred criminally. A young Kuwaiti man has been arrested who has allegedly admitted to the charge. No further details have been revealed.

Air-conditioner timing device could save energy

DR ADNAN AL HAMOUD, the Director of the Energy Department at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (Kisr) said that using a timing device for air-conditioners could save the country 50 per cent of its total energy consumption.

He added that most air-conditioning systems in Kuwait are used more than seven months out of the year and are considered a necessity.

Al Hamoud said that Kisr and the Ministry of Electricity and

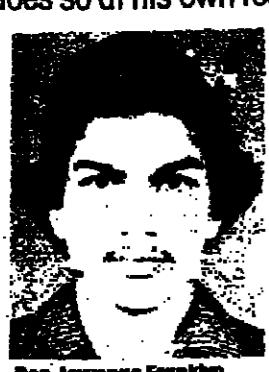
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Crew of hijacked plane honoured



Crew members of the hijacked Kuwaiti Jetliner and guests are pictured at a party in honour of the crew.

By Fawzi Al Tamimi

KUWAIT'S Pilots and Flight Engineers Society held a party recently in honour of the crew of the hijacked Kuwaiti jetliner.

The chairman of the society, Sadi Al Zafiri, speaking at the reception, congratulated HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince for the safe return of the passengers and crew of the plane.

Al Zafiri said the hijackers had forgotten that the Kuwaiti people were all equal. He added that members of the ruling family were always prepared to offer their lives for their country.

Praising the role of the crew in general and Captain Subhi Yusuf, the co-pilot Eid Al Jidid and the efforts of the Kuwaiti officials under the supervision of

Shamian in particular, Al Zafiri said that they had displayed extraordinary patience and control.

He also praised the role of public organisations who supported the government's attitude in rejecting the hijackers' blackmail demands.

Cooperative

Meanwhile, the Algerian Ambassador to Kuwait Al Hassen Khalidi told the daily Al Seyassat that the cooperative spirit undertaken by the governments of Algeria and Kuwait had resulted in a peaceful solution to the crisis.

He praised the efforts exerted by Algerian officials guided by President Chadli Ben Jidid and the efforts of the Kuwaiti officials under the supervision of

Egypt denies it will send police to Saudi Arabia

CAIRO, May 3, (UPI): A government source yesterday denied an opposition newspaper report that Egypt will send 5,000 anti-riot policemen to Saudi Arabia during the next Muslim pilgrimage season in July to bolster Saudi forces against possible disturbances by Iranian pilgrims.

The leftist Sawt Al Arab (voice of the Arabs) said the Egyptian force will be deployed at Jeddah airport and at the Islamic holy shrines in Makkah and Medina.

But the source, in a statement distributed by the semi-official Middle East News Agency, said the report "has no basis and is totally devoid of truth."

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Al Manakh crash may recur

HEAD of the economic committee at the Supreme Council for Planning, Dr Mohammed Al Sabah has warned that Al Manakh crash might recur if structure of the national economy was not changed.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, published here yesterday, Dr Al Sabah spoke of the important results of a study on Kuwait economy conducted by a group of senior economic experts.

The director pointed out that although electricity charges are very inexpensive in Kuwait for the consumer, the government incurs a tremendous expense to meet its air-conditioning requirements.

The results pointed out a number of administrative and legal obstacles crippling the Kuwaiti economy.

The committee is currently considering the setting up of a network to connect economic sectors and their various activities.

John Mitchell, head of the senior school at Kuwait English School explained the ramifications of the new system to the Arab Times.

THE seventh specialised security training course for security personnel of the various ministries and institutions concluded yesterday in a graduation ceremony held at the Police Officers Training Institute. The course which began on April 10, was attended by 27 security personnel.

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Brigadier Al Qabandi and senior officials pictured with the graduates.

Security trainees graduate

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Colonel Ali Yaqoub Abdullah; the Director of the Police Officers Institute, Major Ibrahim Nughaimesh and a number of department directors.

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VIDEO CORNER

Macho solutions to baby problems

By Gail Seery

THE good news for regular readers of this column is that in this week's films, there are no characters with silly names like Vernon Hightower. No, this week we have only a Peter, a Michael, a Jack, a Mary, and a little later, an Annie. The bad news is that the plot of one of this week's films is almost identical to the plot of Baby Boom.

The film is *Three Men and a Baby*, and I suppose given the information already contained in this article, the intelligent reader has already pieced together much of the plot.

It is more of a straight comedy and probably funnier than Baby Boom, and the baby, Mary, is younger and more disgusting than the pretty placid infant in the Diane Keaton film.

On the other hand it doesn't include anything resembling social comment, and the baby/bachelor situation is only an excuse for trotting out some rather old jokes. Once again it is built around strong lead characters. Tom Selleck plays Peter, a highly successful architect, living in a very nice (mostly white) apartment with Michael, a film maker, played by Steve Guttenberg and Jack, an actor, played

Tom Selleck flanked by Steve Guttenberg and Ted Danson in *Three Men and a Baby*.

very two, and not very honest as a film. Much fuss is made about the process of putting on a nappy, though in my opinion it is not the most formidable of tasks. As in Baby Boom they have to resort to lapping up the nappy. The task apparently completed, Diane Keaton/Tom Selleck says "There", holds up the baby, and the nappy falls off. Ho Hum.

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be or not to beam me up Scotty". However I must concede that he has come up with an enjoyable and harmless vehicle for Tom Selleck's hairy chest. Less desirable is the further perpetuation of the American myth of bachelor chums.

This film was directed by Leonard Nimoy of Star Trek fame, and alas, I can't see the name without thinking of the Spitting Image character ("To

if you can piece it together from the following information: Annie is a housewife with two teenagers, a staid older sister, a host of very good original songs, and to round it off a very good rock and roll voice. She sings only in an amateur way in a town where "you could get polyester burns just walking through." What happens next? Work it out, but be warned, this film has a very high sugar content.

Another parental conflict film is Rock and Roll Mom starring Diane Cannon and Michael Brandon, and here the plot is equally predictable. See

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Evergreen Emperor

By Brian Hollis

VIDEO and film fans can hardly complain about the fare which has been dished up over the last few weeks. Apart from Moonstruck, virtually all the 1988 Oscar-nominees and winners have arrived, thankfully, with very little interference from the censor. This week's offering is *The Last Emperor* which swept the board at Hollywood this year with nine Oscars including best Film and Best Director. No other film has garnered so many since *West Side Story* (banned) in 1961. Much has been written about the various aspects of this film — how director Bernardo Bertolucci used his left wing contacts to become the first Westerner to make a feature film in China, and film inside the Forbidden City — how none of the majors was willing to put up any money to finance a sure artistic box office flop.

The Last Emperor is the first



genuine cinema epic for a long time. It traces the life of Pu Yi, China's last emperor, who was three when the death of the Dowager Empress propelled him onto the throne. Due to the political upheavals during his lifetime he never really ruled, except briefly as Japanese puppet emperor of Manchuria. Almost 60 years after ascending to the throne he died a normal man — a gardener in the Forbidden City where he had grown up, happier than he had ever been during an extraordinary life that battered and buffeted him between nations and palaces and jails.

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Another major release this week is *Ironweed*, based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by William Kennedy. Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep star in their second film together, as two down and out alcoholics. Nicholson plays Francis Phelan, a former baseball player who has hit the skids through a painful love affair with liquor. He tragically blurts the reality of whether his drinking caused or resulted from his problems. After years of flopping in shantytowns and railway cars, he returns to his hometown of Albany in 1938, where he confronts his past both figuratively (in the revival of painful memories) and literally in his meeting with his family who he abandoned 20

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Every time a new Police Academy film hits the video shops, the story gets weaker but the rentals increase — long live Police Academy! Number five is submitted: *Assignment: Miami Beach*, and is easily the worst of the lot. What started as

a slightly risqué comedy for teenagers has degenerated into a series of sight gags for five year olds. In the current outing Captain Lassard's bag is accidentally exchanged with that of three robbers escaping with a cache of stolen diamonds, and what follows is a mish mash of slapstick attempts on the part of the bad guys to recover their loot. As usual the academy alumni come to the rescue and make their commanding into a hero. Enough said ... the film was potential enough to lead the US box office on its opening weekend, and with a bit of luck *Action Jackson* 6 won't be too far behind.

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The above films are by courtesy of VFI, recently opened in Fintas Towers, Video Nauf and Video Club.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES**KTV 1**

1.00 Holy Quran
1.10 Tao Tao: cartoons
2.00 Zahra Wal Saif: historical serial, starring Abdullab Ghaith, Hussein Fahmi, Yousef Shaban, Amina Rizk Iman Toqi.
3.00 Istafarat Ramadan
3.35 Jurooh: daily serial, starring Zuhair Numam, Maha Saleh, Dawood Jaljal.
4.45 Tazzawai: Wa Ibtsem Lil Hayat: daily serial, featuring Samir Ghannim, Raghad Ahmad Badar, Sud Nasar Deeni: religious talk
6.30 Cartoons
6.45 After Iftar
7.00 Madinat Al Riyah: children's serial, featuring Khalid Al Obaid, Abdul Rehman Al Aqal, Jasmin Nabhan, Huda Hussain.
7.45 With Students: Quiz Show

8.00 Holy Quran
8.10 The Adventures of Gummi Bears: cartoons
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KTV 2

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9.40 Islamic Horizon
9.50 Islam and Muslims Around the World
10.40 J.J. Starbucks: employees in Starbucks' refinery are taken hostage by an arms dealer.

11.30 Wildlife on One: "Sulawesi: Island of Discovery." A visit to the Indonesian island of Sulawesi.

12.30 Sledge Hammer: Sledge goes berserk when he and his partner cannot arrest a burglar on the run.

1.30 Private Eye: Jack helps to arrest a drug pusher.

1.40 News Summary
1.40 Magazine: D'Actualités/Closedown

NB: Anir's Cup Football tournament may be shown tonight at 8.45 pm. If football is shown, news is at 8.30 pm and all programmes until 11.30 are cancelled.

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Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson in *Ironweed*

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Al Andalus
Shahenshah (Hindi)
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Meenakshi

Fahabeel Open-Air
Jaan Hatheli Pe (Hindi)
Al Fahabeel

Al Maraat Wal Kanoon (Arabic)
Drive-In
Bustaan Al Dam (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Adham, Yusra

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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Let's Get Harry
Starring: Mark Harmon, Robert Duvall

Al Salimiya
Brazil
Starring: Jonathan Price, Robert de Nero

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Crusade
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Starring: Yahya Fakhri, Itham Shahin

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By Anthea Garrie

Glamour, Italian style

YOU cannot miss the Fendi sisters as they come tumbling into the Ritz foyer breathless from a delayed flight, dripping leather, fur and serious jewels.

They are middle-aged, sagging in places and far from fine-featured — but collectively, they are unmistakably Italian and glamour personified.

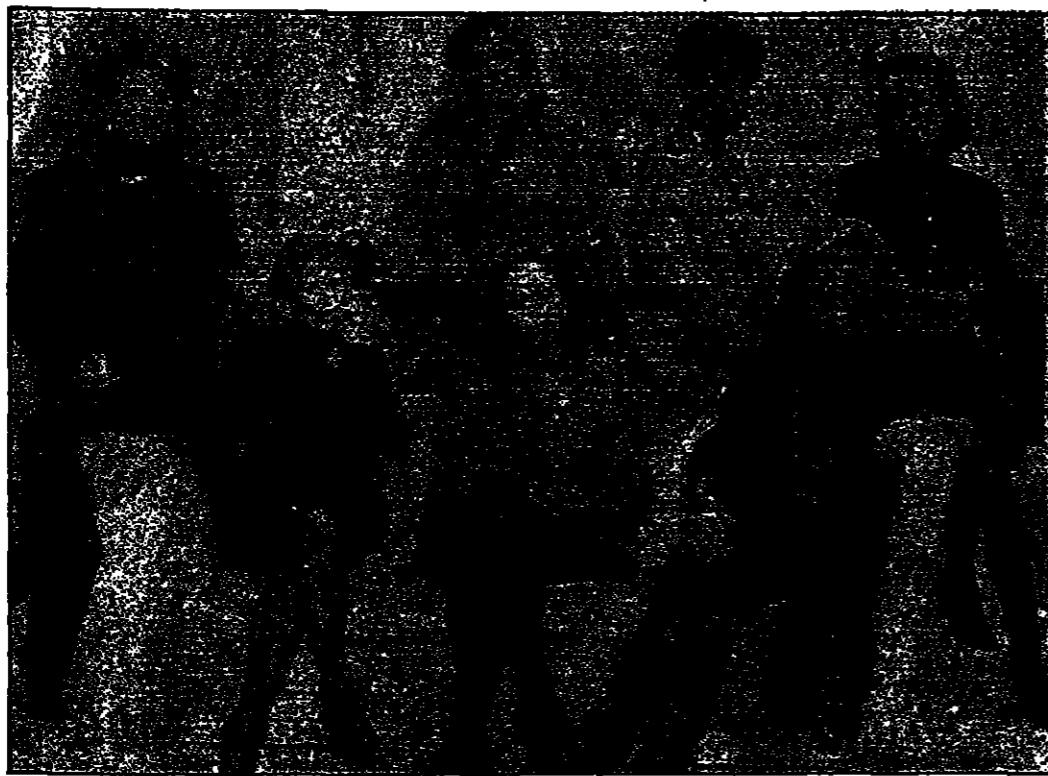
Glamour Italian style — typified by the Fendis, who have been among the principal arbiters of that style over the past 25 years — is first and foremost about curvy tailoring. About bleaching your hair blonde without looking tarty. About girding your look with total luxury — strips of leather, snippets of fur, scres of gold chains, huge chunks of amber and topaz; the look that makes the puritanical British think instantly of a woman with a sugar-daddy behind her.

It is indeed on sugar daddies that the Fendi empire was founded 60-odd years ago, then just a single fur shop in Rome in an era when fur was something a man draped on his woman to demonstrate his own status in the world.

All that changed dramatically in the Fifties and Sixties at the hands of the five Fendi daughters, who grew up immersed in furs and the fur business as Mamma served the clients on Rome's Via del Plebiscito.

One born every two years like clockwork, Mamma nursed them between customers, then tucked them into individual lace-lined drawers for their naps.

They grew up to turn fur styling on its head and often, quite literally inside out. They had it ridged to look like corduroy, sculptured to mimic the contours of the Rome skyline, shaded in sherbert colours,



The Fendi dynasty: they have been among the principal arbiters of style over the past 25 years.

quilted, spiced and ruffled.

In 1965 they invited a young designer called Karl Lagerfeld to create a collection for them. Today, the Fendis and Lagerfeld go forth to the tune of \$200 million a year, dazzling buyers on Milan's catwalk twice a year — but otherwise eschewing the cerebral northern city in favour of Rome, where their homes and their hearts are.

If Mamma left the fabulous Fendis one legacy, it was the notion that business and family

life should never be mutually exclusive.

"My husband only married me on the promise that I would come home to have lunch with him every day — and that I would never neglect the family," says 48-year-old Alda, "the baby of the five and the sales director, whose husband, a university professor, is the only clan member who has declined to join the family firm. "You've probably guessed that I'm married to a Sicilian," she adds

wryly.

Franca is married to a less tribal Italian but, as the one who stays put in the string of Fendi boutiques that line the Via Borgogna, perhaps the most traditional. "My life is that of any working woman — my family comes first," she shrugs...

She can't wait to be a grany like her elder sister Anna, "the creative one," and the social face of Fendi.

Trim and chic, Anna has

acquired the American habit of getting herself to the gym at dawn three times a week and on to the theatre, opera or the ballet every night "however tired I feel."

While Anna pursues culture, Carla, the only sister with no children, is liable to be found in the disco with one or two of the 11 nieces and nephews who have ensured the future of the Fendi dynasty.

With Mamma Adele ten years dead, Paola is not only president of the company, but also family matriarch. Most glamorous of the lot, she feels "naked" if she leaves home without her red lipstick. In a very un-Italian way she has brought discipline and structure to what could easily be a chaotic family business, and to her own working life too.

"But once I step through the doors of my office, it is all business. And when I come home at night, the problems of the office are totally behind me."

"Nothing is more important to me than to find the table set and the family all gathered around me."

Lavishly

The Fendi sisters live lavishly in their villas and palazzi — and their recent fragrance launch, which has prompted Harrods to devote each of its 20 Brompton Road windows to Fendi for the entire month, is certain to swell their coffers even further.

The perfume has already taken \$3.5 million in Bloomingdale's since its New York launch a year ago — the ultimate proof that no-one knows what pleases a woman like another woman, or better still five other women.

Real live canny women who know that fine fragrance is a great hedge — better in an era when the future for fur, however fabulous, is at best uncertain.

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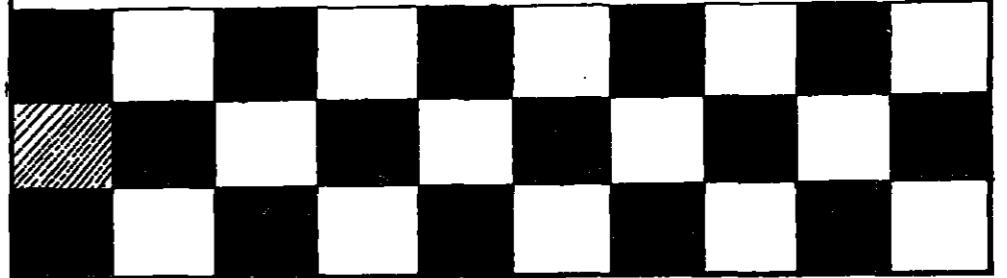
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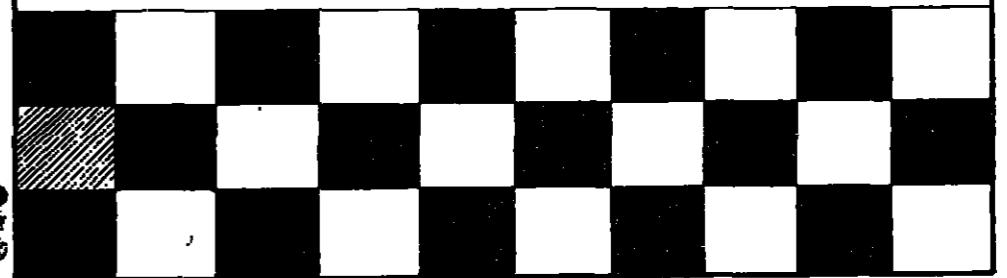
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Dogs and cats good for baby

Studies have suggested that a baby's interest in pets reflects awareness of an ability to affect the outside world.

By Peg Byron

NEW YORK (UPI): When young children have pets to cuddle, it helps them develop a sense of security, provides interesting mental and physical exercise and a chance to develop emotional bonds, development experts have long said.

But how early in life can babies tell the difference between the family pet and a snuggly toy? When can they enjoy special attachments to pets, establishing loving and beneficial bonds with live animals? Older studies have suggested a baby's interest in pets reflects awareness of an ability to affect the outside world. And infants exposed to a variety of interesting stimuli are believed to adjust more easily to new situations later in their lives.

Observations in a small 1972 study gave tentative clues on



Having a pet to cuddle gives infants a sense of security.

They watched for attachment behaviours such as gazing, smiling, following or attempting to follow, babbling or talking, and reaching or grabbing.

Not surprisingly, none of the 6-month-old infants in the study showed any preference between live and toy puppies.

Recently, a study of 250 infants between the ages of 6 months and 30 months gave more concrete evidence that the benefits of pets may come earlier than was suspected.

Armed with a mechanical dog that could bark, walk and wag its tail and a fluffy stuffed kitten that purred when stroked, researchers in California looked for preferences among babies in families with pets.

In addition to finding that 1-year-olds are more attached to family pets than to the toys, Kidd found interest in pets increased steadily with age. She

also found the infants could distinguish between cats and dogs and showed a marked preference for live canines.

"It seems dogs will interest more. A cat will have enough and then take off for the closet," Kidd said.

The tots showed no preference between toy cats and dogs.

Boys between 6 months and

12 months interacted more with their pets, laughing, talking to and about them, and having more physical contact. But by about 2 years of age, the girls did more talking to the pets than the boys.

"This is probably because boys are more active than girls at early ages. Girls are socialised for talking rather than slugging," said Kidd.

Simple essentials for pretty feet and hands

The 'before' hands and feet on these pages may well resemble yours. It's not that they're in bad shape — it's just that they could be much, much prettier. Take our 'after' shots as inspiration, and stamp out your look-spoilers for good.

Uneven nails look messy, distract the eye. Avoid the temptation to "keep" a single long nail. If one or two nails are shorter than the rest, nail tips can add the needed length. Place tip over the end of your nail, with 1/8-to 1/4-inch overlap. Glue tip on, then apply a silk or linen wrap and apply more glue over the wrap. When glue dries, trim excess wrap, cut nail tip down to just slightly longer than the rest of your nails, then file to match. Buff lightly over the wrap to smooth down the bump. Now you're ready to polish. Nail tips should last a month if properly



cared for.

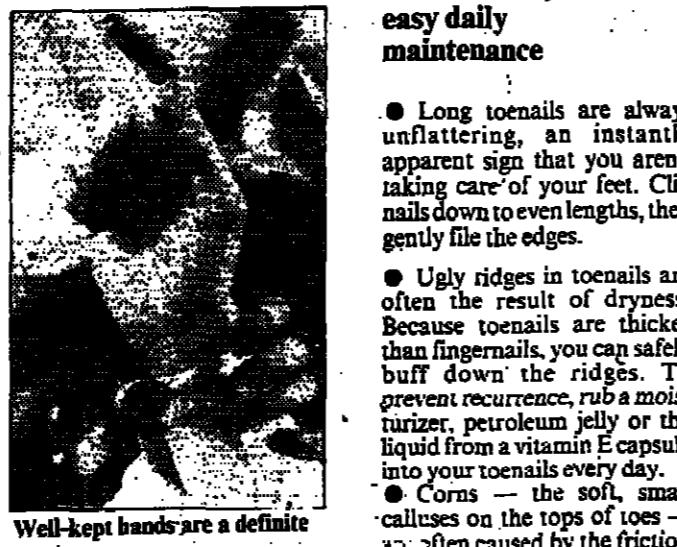
Peeling may occur if nails are frequently immersed in water, or if polish is too thick. Gently buff down the ends of your fingers, or from repeatedly using polish without a base coat. Lemon peels rubbed over stains can help, or gently buff the area with a wet pumice stone.

Chipped nails usually result from dryness. Moisturise your nails every day with hand cream or Clinique Nail Treatment Cream.

Dry skin on your hands can be soothed and softened with a salve or paraffin treatment.

Hands are immersed in a heated wax containing ingredients like camphor and wintergreen. This waxy "glove" causes pores to open so ingredients can be absorbed.

The wax is then peeled off in one piece, leaving hands soft, moisturised.



Well-kept hands are a definite asset.

produced by poorly fitting shoes. Dr. Scholl Small-Corn Removers with medicated disks help remove corns in one to two weeks.

Corns on the soles of feet actually serve a purpose: they protect your feet from the millions of pounds of pressure they're subjected to every day. If you want to soften calluses, soak your feet in warm water for five to ten minutes, then rub calluses gently with a pumice stone.

Painful ingrown toenails often result from shoes that are too tight. If the nail is only slightly ingrown, gently pushing back the cuticle around the problem area can help. Otherwise, you'll need to have the nail checked out by your doctor or podiatrist. And, obviously, identify and retire the culprit shoes.

Next time be sure the shoes you buy seem comfortable before you leave the store.

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Thought for today

EVERY girl can keep house better than her mother — until she tries — Thomas Fuller, English clergyman (1606-1661).

OPINION

Iranian leaders will be punished

SINCE the beginning of the Iraq-Iran war, Iran has threatened to invade the US. And when the US fleet entered the Gulf waters, Iran threatened to destroy the American fleet and US interests in the region.

Although Iran talks of these actions, it does nothing about them, and even when Iran tried to approach the US it was taught several lessons.

Iran threatens the US but attacks Kuwait and opens more warfronts with Iraq and intensifies the shelling of Basra. In return it is punished by Iraq and treated with patience by Kuwait who chooses to deal prudently with fools.

This is Iran: they talk big, but their actions are small. Recently the Iranian talk is becoming even more boastful, using what is recognised in politics as the language of the defeated.

The Iranian losses have increased recently. Consequently, they are becoming more boastful and directing their threats at the whole world — the US, the Soviets, Iraq, the Gulf states and others.

It appears as if the Iranian leaders have become so crazy that they have forgotten how to speak, or even how to threaten.

Iraq has defeated Iran and this needs no proof. If it is so difficult for Iran to bear the shock of the Iraqi victory, it will surely face more defeats, and the next defeat will be from within Iran. The Iranian people are fed up with the lies of the Iranian leaders, which have gone so far as to fabricate stories and allegations against other Gulf states. The regime will be punished severely. The blood of the innocent Iranians killed by the regime has not yet dried and the desire for revenge increases.

While the Iranian regime continues to speak of nonexistent battles, they are only too aware that they are dying. The Iranian people will severely punish their leaders for the past eight years.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Heavy security at Israel's borders

Barbed wire can't keep out anxiety

By Karin Laub

KIBBUTZ DAN, Israel, (AP): Barbed wire and watchtowers ring this communal farm on the Lebanese border to fend off attacks by Arab commandos. But residents say the heavy security can't keep out the nightmares and feelings of anxiety.

"The tension is growing," said Dan resident Yossi Tal, 38.

Palestinian commandos, allegedly on hostage-taking missions, managed twice last week to sneak through the border fence before Israeli troops gunned them down near this kibbutz, or communal farm.

Tal and other Kibbutzniks said decades of Syrian shelling, rocket attacks from Lebanon and commando raids have deepened their resolve to stay put.

"I feel that because of what I went through in my childhood, I'm more connected to this place," said Tal, speaking in his sunlit garden apartment as he hugged his one-year-old daughter.

Raids

His wife, Esti, 38, added: "When it gets too difficult, I sometimes think about leaving. But it's important that we live here because we must show that we can't be run out of our country."

In the past five months, however, her resolve was tested as Arab commandos stepped up border raids to keep up the momentum of a Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The latest infiltrations also may have been sparked by a struggle for succession to Khalil Wazir, the Palestine Liberation Organisation military commander who was gunned down April 16 in his Tunis home.

Dan is in one of the most vulnerable areas along the border, Israel's northeastern tip.

Infiltrators passing through south Lebanon to reach the border encounter few hostile Lebanese militia and the rocky mountain terrain provides good cover.

In separate raids on Tuesday and Wednesday, commando squads with automatic rifles, hand grenades and maps of border settlements sneaked past Israeli patrols and descended the steep slopes of Mount Dov, three kilometres (1.8 miles) east of Dan.

In Tuesday's pre-dawn infiltration, three commandos hid in a maze of bushes on the mountain killed two Israeli soldiers before being killed in a hail of gunfire.

Fighting

"Our men would tell us our fathers were fighting for us, but I was afraid something would happen to them," said Yoni, a new wave music aficionado sporting a rat's tail haircut.

"I know that my children have to suffer this tension," said Tal, who was born in Dan. "And my grandchildren probably will go through the same thing, and also my great-grandchildren."

He recalled that before the 1967 Middle East war, the Syrian border was only 500 yards (metres) from Dan, and trenches criss-crossed the kibbutz as a protection against Syrian shelling.

"I remember one day in 1964 when they fired more than 300 shells in two hours," said Tal. "Nobody was hurt, but the place was devastated."

A day after Wednesday's commando infiltration, life was back to normal in Dan, home to 550 people. Farmers donned gray and blue work uniforms and returned to their apple orchards, trout ponds and honey bee hives. Children rode bicycles along tree-lined paths linking neatly kept white garden apartments.

Soviet troops to start leaving within a fortnight

Cracks already show in Kabul's hold on power

By Jonathan S. Landay

KABUL, (UPI): Two weeks before Soviet troops begin leaving Afghanistan, cracks already seem to be growing in the pro-Moscow government's tenuous hold on power. All but the most loyal regime backers believe they will become irreparable fissures.

The only real question in the minds of foreign diplomats and many Kabul residents is how long President Najibullah can hold out without Soviet military might against US-armed Muslim rebels before making a stand in "fortress Kabul" or negotiating a surrender that includes safe passage abroad for himself and senior officials.

"There is great uncertainty," conceded a government official who said he was not a member of Najibullah's Peoples' Democratic Party of Afghanistan and had several friends with the guerrillas.

Foreign diplomats said even Soviet officials in Kabul are privately conceding they see little chance for the demoralised and desertion-rife 40,000-man Afghan Army to save Najibullah and his regime.

In tacit confirmation, the commander of a crack Soviet unit guarding Kabul airport, asked whether he would give his armoured cars to the Afghan Army, retorted:

"Can you imagine us leaving here under threat of enemy fire without these to protect us?"

Support

An Asian diplomat said a Soviet official recently told him that despite its public pledges of support and continued military assistance to Kabul, the Kremlin is "going to stop sending aid" within the next several months.

He and a Western diplomat said they believe Moscow will hasten to complete the withdrawal of its estimated 115,000 troops before the nine-month

deadline set in UN-mediated accords signed in Geneva April 14 between the Soviet Union, Afghanistan, the United States and Pakistan.

Najibullah and senior government officials do not appear too worried about the future, presiding over a parade, state dinners and other celebrations marking the anniversary of the April 27, 1978 military coup that brought their party to power. Less than a year later, the Soviet Union invaded to salvage the government from internal feuds and a rebellion by Muslim tribesmen.

Security

But even during the anniversary celebrations there were ominous overtones: tape-recorded applause and cheers at the parade, a low-ranking Soviet delegation, and extraordinary security that failed to prevent six deaths and 49 injuries in yet another spate of bomb attacks in central Kabul.

There are only subtle indica-

tions of Soviet preparations for the withdrawal beginning May 15, including new security posts at Kabul airport, likely to be the last stronghold Moscow abandons, and on the three-ring defensive perimeter. "One of the things we are looking for is a draw-down of Soviet technicians and their families," said one Western diplomat. "We have seen no indication of that. There is very, very little indication of a Soviet

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By Kathy Cuddihy

I ONCE knew a travel editor who sanctimoniously pronounced, "And we don't want any of those cliched articles on 'How To Pack For Your Trip.' So much drivel has been written on that subject that by now anyone who doesn't know how to pack shouldn't be travelling."

Meet a veteran traveller who could do with reading a text on How To Pack. Oh, I don't mean myself. I'm more than capable. No, meet my husband. This man who is usually a soul of the utmost efficiency seems to lose all sense of organisation when it comes time to pack his personal requirements into a suitcase.

For years now he has masterfully hidden his failing by breezily inquiring, "Did you pack my bag yet? I have an early flight tomorrow." This cleverly puts the onus on me. When little obscurities such as foot powder or a lint brush don't make it into the suitcase for some reason or another, guess who hears about it?

Himself, of course, never forgets anything; it's his personal packer who has the annoying memory lapses.

But what happens when the sometimes scorned but usually reliable packer precedes the unwilling-to-admit-he's-dependent packer? Our household recently underwent such an upheaval that nothing else, the experience left no doubt in our minds as to who should have which role.

"Not only did my husband have to pack his own suitcase, but he also had the responsibility of packing for our 2 children. Not being entirely heartless (or perhaps having a premonition of disaster), I did as much advance packing as possible for them and then left notes reminding himself not to forget freshly laundered clothes and last-minute

essentials. The next day he was still packing, but he had

Packing it all in



obvious omissions warranted only verbal instructions, which he accepted with a congenial do-you-think-I'm-an-idiot look.

"Let's just say he answered his own question when he arrived at his destination, had a refreshing shower, and began hunting for a change of clothing."

"Kathy... came an incredulous cry from the bedroom. "I can't find any underpants in this suitcase. And the only socks are these thin black ones for evening wear."

"You packed, dear. Surely you would know to put a supply of underpants and socks."

"For goodness' sake, Kathy. I thought you did all the preliminary packing so I would only have to top up with last-minute items."

"Do you mean to tell me that you didn't check what I had packed with me before you left?"

what else you might need? And as a matter of interest, did you bring all those last-minute items, like your shaving cream for instance?" I queried with a mildly malicioius grin.

"I don't see what that has to do with the situation."

"Show me the shaving cream and then we'll move on to underwear," I replied cheerfully.

"Alright, Kathy," came a testy reply, "since I can't quite seem to put my hand on the shaving cream, I'll accept that I might have left it behind. But I do remember intending to pack it... which appears to be more than I can say about your attitude towards my underpants and socks."

The situation became less amusing that evening when we dressed for dinner. Himself had remembered to pack a jacket and trousers, but he had no underpants and socks."

Who knows what luxuries you'll find to fill that void in your suitcase?"

neglected to make sure that they matched. I really began to take a dim view of things when he confessed that the only footwear he brought was casual sandals and "comfortable" walking shoes. The sandals would not be greeted with enthusiasm at the smart restaurant we were going to, but they were decidedly upmarket from his comfortable but socially unacceptable walking shoes.

When the children's suitcase, too, revealed errors and omissions, my husband had to admit defeat. This he did with a sheepish grin, arched eyebrows and a resigned shrug of the shoulders. But for all his good grace, he just couldn't resist commenting, "Well, packing is your job, Kathy. Surely I can't be expected to remember everything!" In other words, the expectation is not too great for mere wives....

When in a more conciliatory frame of mind, His Lordship made a kindly suggestion. "Why don't you write an article on How To Pack, Kathy? There are probably lots of readers who would benefit from a few concise tips." Not that he was ready to include himself. After all, he already has a trained packer.

As clichéd as the idea may seem to some, it does merit consideration. I feel confident that as soon as my editor forgets to pack a change of underwear on one of his trips he'll give me the assignment.

In the meantime, I have one golden rule to pass on to novice travellers or disorganized packers: always pack less (for yourself) that you think you will need. There's a small chance that less will be just enough, but a better chance that necessity will force you to go on a shopping spree to supplement the deficits.

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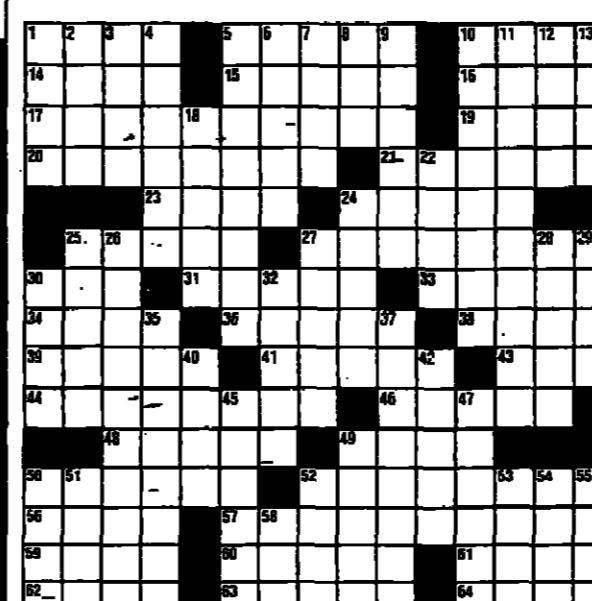
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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ONE TRUMP TOO MANY

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH	♦ 5 2
WEST	♦ 7 5 4
EAST	♦ Q J 10 3
SOUTH	♦ A Q 8 2
NORTH	♦ A Q 10 9 6 ♦ Void
WEST	♦ 9 8 3 2 ♦ 10 6
EAST	♦ A 6 4 ♦ K 9 8 7 5 2
SOUTH	♦ K 10 9 7 4 3

The bidding:
East South West North
3 ♠ 3 ♣ Pass 3 NT
Pass 4 ♦ Pass 4 ♣
Pass Pass Dbl Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♦

When you play in a matchpoint event, you don't have to worry about how much it costs if you go down, 1,100 points—you can't do worse than zero. As a result, players preempt and sacrifice a lot more freely in the competitive game than at rubber bridge, especially if the vulnerability is in their favor.

East's opening diamond preempt is typical of pairs' tactics. Understandably, South was reluctant to pass three no trump, a contract which would have done well with a diamond lead. West made no bones about the fact that the double was for penalties.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

DONS	OSLO	CADIZ
ALIT	KNAP	ALONE
KINE	RAKE	IOWAN
OVEREAGER	NUNS	TERNS
GRATE	PTA	ASSET
TERNS	GRATE	ESTO
GRATE	PTA	TOAD
TERNS	GRATE	ADD
GRATE	PTA	EXECUTE
TERNS	GRATE	TOMATO
GRATE	PTA	JINURES
TERNS	GRATE	MESA
GRATE	PTA	EASE
TERNS	GRATE	CHILL
GRATE	PTA	ENC
TERNS	GRATE	LEMON
GRATE	PTA	CUKE
TERNS	GRATE	PRIESTESS
GRATE	PTA	MILAN
TERNS	GRATE	ETAL
GRATE	PTA	TRIS
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GRATE	PTA	RILL
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GRATE	PTA	TYROS
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GRATE	PTA	RAGS

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

THE WIZARD OF ID



By Johnny Hart

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probably coined in Britain, he said, following the popularity of America's yuppie (young, upwardly mobile person).

"My own view is that these yuppie kind of words won't be with us very long," Hanks said. "Words like yuppie and dinks probably have a lifetime of a couple of years at most — think a few years back to flower power and psychedelic."

"With boinking it so happens that a sexual meaning has been added to an established word. The new meaning was probably added by (professional tennis player) Boris Becker, if the truth be known."

"It's the same with gay. It was a nice, old-fashioned word but it's been taken over. You can't talk about having a gay time these days without homosexual connotations."

Actor Sylvester Stallone's creation of a popular movie character led to a new word that, Hanks said, is "absolutely standard in British English at the moment."

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Today all will go smoothly but you must not push your luck. Do not expect others to be at your bid and call. Make sure you get sufficient rest. Be optimistic.



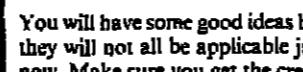
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should avoid relying too much on your memory. You will be able to find the right answer to a complicated problem. Try to avoid getting involved in a legal matter. Be more generous.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will be able to hold your head high. Before going on holiday make sure you do not leave an important matter outstanding. You will be able to take some changes in your stride. Be hospitable.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have some good ideas but they will not be applicable just now. Make sure you get the credit for what you have done. You should not rely on your charm to get you out of trouble — it will help but on its own it is not enough. Be frugal.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

There is no time to lose. You will have to work really hard if you want to meet all your commitments. You should have a little more confidence in yourself. Pay a little more attention to your friends. Be tolerant.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will feel rather more sure of yourself. A tendency towards exaggeration should be countered. You should make sure you do not dissipate your energies. Be tactful.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be able to help a friend who is having some difficulty. You should not be quite so ready to believe what you would like to be. You should keep your eyes and ears open. Be moderate.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Some small matter is liable to be blown out of proportion. The general situation is favourable but you must not forget details, nor lose sight of essentials. A little more patience is required just now. Be cordial.

HEALTH AND MEDICINE

By Sheila Ford

YOUR own home can be the most dangerous place in the world ... if you have a heart attack.

Medical experts claim that it is safer to have an attack at work or in the street, for there is more chance of someone knowing the basics of first aid.

So if someone in your family suddenly collapsed with a heart attack, would you know how to save them?

You only have four vital minutes, so read on and find out how ... it could save a life.

* Do not hesitate. The first minutes are vital. You have at most four minutes to get the heart going again to maintain the vital supplies of blood to the brain and air to the lungs.

* Do not waste time running for help or telephoning an ambulance or doctor. Get on with it.

* Feel for pulse points about an inch (2.5 cm) below each ear. If there is nothing there, the heart has stopped.

* Lie the victim on his back. Loosen clothing. Remove false

If a heart attack strikes, you only have four minutes to save a life. So if one happened at your home would you know what to do?

teeth. Tilt the head back and clear the throat of any blockages by pressing your finger over the back of the tongue.

* Now, strike the chest wall below the left nipple with a clenched fist hard enough to hurt a conscious patient. The aim is to get a heart beat going, so do not be afraid to use some force.

* If after four or five such blows the person is still not conscious and you still cannot feel a pulse, then start external heart compression.

This means compressing the heart between the breast bone and spine about once a second by firm, downward movements of the hands, which should be placed on top of each other over the lower half of the breast bone. This action squeezes blood out of the heart and can maintain the circulation for quite long periods. Repeat at least once a second for several seconds, then check his pulse again.

* Give the kiss of life if he or she has stopped breathing. The kiss of life means blowing air into the mouth to get it into the lungs of someone who has stopped breathing. This may be unnecessary if you started massage within 30 seconds of the attack. For the victim may not have stopped breathing.

But if they do stop breathing, clear the throat, place your mouth over their in a big, wide "kiss," pinch their nostrils together with thumb and forefinger and keep them closed.

Inhale deeply yourself and blow hard to pass a good flow of air from your lungs to the victim's.

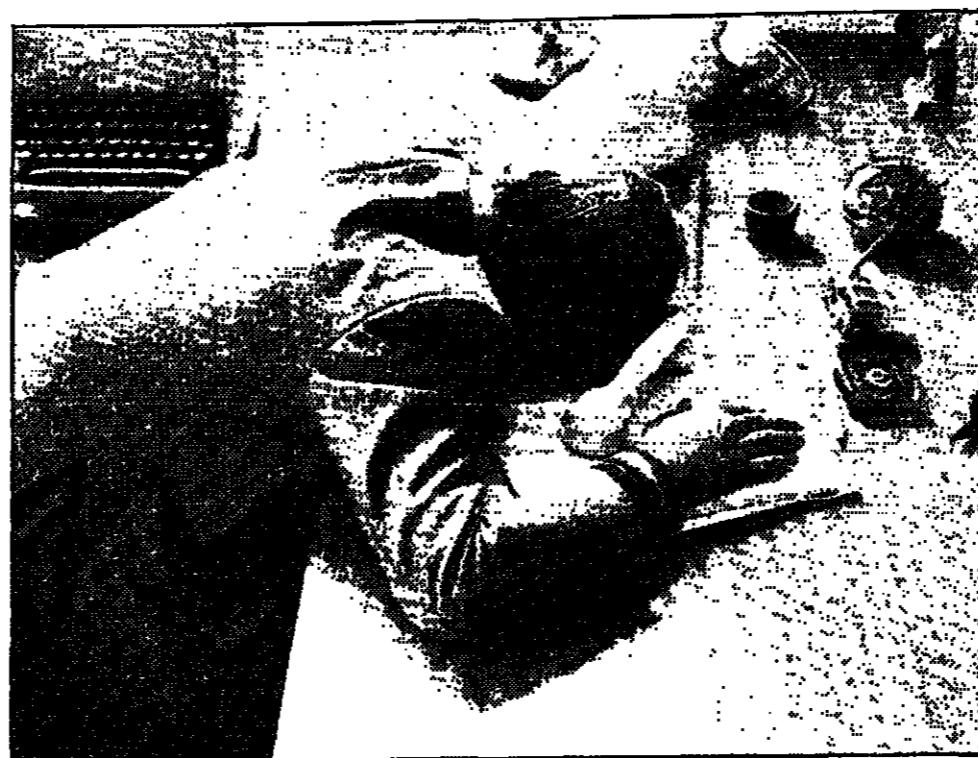
Check that his chest expands to show that air is reaching his lungs.

If the chest does not expand, pull their jaw further forward, make sure no air is escaping between your mouth and theirs, and blow harder.

* Keep checking their pulse points, and alternating kiss of life with chest compression — one breath with every six or eight compressions.

* As soon as their breathing and pulse are regular, place him on his side with his head well back and then — and only then — telephone for a doctor or ambulance.

The biggest risk group for



If you have a heart attack, you only have four minutes to live, so take the doctor's advice and keep healthy.

heart attack is middle-aged men. But they are not the only ones in peril.

Women, and men as young as their twenties, are going down to heart disease, too. Doctors are calling it the scourge of our times.

The heart is a pump the size of a fist. To sustain life, it has to beat about 40,000,000 times a year, working non-stop day and night.

Though the design is superb, it can go wrong. So what can we do to prevent even needing to go into action for that vital four minutes?

According to Dr Malcolm Carruthers, at the Maudsley Hospital in London, one of the world's leading authorities on heart disease, stress is at the top of the list of factors that can trigger an attack.

Everyone experiences stress in their lives, but he feels women are luckier than men in that at least they can have a good cry to release pent-up tensions.

* Do not drive each other too hard to go all out for promotion. The job at the top of the ladder can be a short-cut to a hospital bed. Better to stay healthy and happy together on the middle rung.

* Watch each other's weight. Doctors and life assurance companies agree that lean people are less prone to serious illness than fat ones.

* The one factor that all medical experts agree on is that smoking is a very real risk. The risk of dying from heart disease is at least twice as great in smokers than non-smokers. In a study of British doctors it was found that in those who smoked the frequency of death from coronary disease was four to five times greater than in non-smokers between the ages of 35 and 54.

* Do not neglect each other, and never greet your husband or wife at the door with a depressing list of your own day's disasters.

* Remember that sex, apart from being pleasant exercise, is also a good emotional release. So keep that loving feeling going between you. The lonely and unhappy married are more at risk from heart attacks than the happily mated.

So encourage him to stop smoking — and if you smoke give it up too.

* Also encourage each other to take regular exercise. No amount of physical activity



The heart is a pump the size of a fist. To sustain life, it has to beat about 40,000,000 times a year, working non-stop day and night.

So have sugar, salt, coffee and refined white flour.

An advice booklet has also been compiled by the British Medical Association. It says there is no need to cut out these foods completely.

Help each other find time for whatever exercise he enjoys — swimming, squash, fast walking, tennis — and try to see you both do it at least twice a week.

* Choose a sensible balanced diet, and go easy on second helpings. In recent years much research has been done on the fatty substances of the blood, of which cholesterol is best known. Foods rich in it, such as dairy products, eggs, liver and kidneys have come under attack, as enemies of the heart.



Doing regular exercise can reduce the risk of a heart attack.

Slimy slugs may hold key to cystic fibrosis

By Cynthia Flash

Cystic fibrosis victims produce an abundance of thick sticky mucus that clogs their lungs and pancreas, impeding breathing and digestion. Scientists are looking for clues to combat the disease in the slime that slithers off the back of a common garden slug.

off with soap and water. The mucus absorbs the water and triples in volume, leaving the person with a handful of slug mucus.

Cystic fibrosis victims produce an abundance of thick, sticky mucus that clogs their lungs and pancreas, impeding breathing and digestion. While scientists have found new ways of temporarily treating the disease, to extend a victim's life, most of the victims die in their 20s.

Deyrup-Olsen, who has been studying slugs since the 1970s, hopes her experiments will help determine what causes CF victims to have such thick mucus and help find a cure or prevention for the disease.

Involve Although Deyrup-Olsen, and her partner, Arthur Martin, have made strides in their research, "we're very much at the beginning," she said. Deyrup-Olsen's studies involve mixing blood serum and saliva from CF victims

with samples of slug skin to see how much mucus is produced. She also mixes chemical solutions with slug mucus sacs to check how certain solutions interact. These studies may tell scientists what causes excess or abnormal mucus in CF victims.

Deyrup-Olsen's studies have already determined mucus cells in slugs are not equally stable when subjected to CF serum.

"The results are coming out quite dramatic. It's been very exciting," said the slight woman, who wears horn-rimmed glasses and talks quietly.

Deyrup-Olsen, who describes her as "somewhere in my 60s," treats her slug specimens gently, but said she tries to use the mollusks in an impersonal way.

"Today, we'll have CF samples and will have to sacrifice four slugs," she said. She has, however, known slugs to last upto two years.

In between her experiments with CF serum samples, Deyrup-Olsen cultivates slug

Calcium myths demolished

Myth No. 1: "Milk is just for kids."

Your bones are alive throughout your life. Each day your adult body loses calcium from its bones. If you drink calcium-rich milk, you give your bones calcium they need to maintain or build their strength.

Myth No. 2: "I can't drink milk."

A small number of people have problems digesting milk. Most do not. Eating other foods such as yoghurt, cheese, ice creams or cottage cheese will supply you with calcium.

Myth No. 3: "If I drink milk, I'll get kidney stones."

Consumption of milk and other calcium-rich foods does not cause stones in healthy adults. In fact, most people can consume eight servings of milk daily without developing kidney stones.

Myth No. 4: "I can get my calcium from pills."

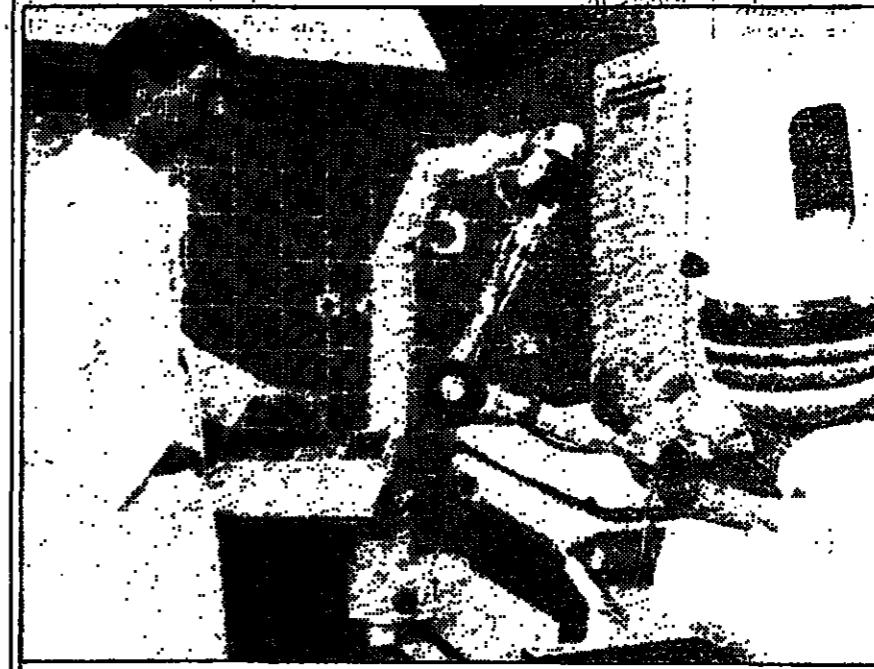
For your bones to stay strong, you must eat calcium in a form that your body can readily use. Milk is natural, because the body can easily absorb the calcium in milk.

Myth No. 5: "Dairy products? No thanks, I have to watch my waist."

While you watch your waist, your bones may be wasting away. For weight-control, why not limit your calories by eliminating fats, sweets and alcohol first.

Myth No. 6: "It's not easy to get the calcium you need without eating dairy products."

You're right! To get the same amount as in regular glasses of milk, you'd need to eat 20 eggs, or 30 slices of white bread, or 2 and a half cups of greens, or four and a half ounces of sardines.



The device smashes kidney stones and gallstones without damaging the surrounding tissue.

Stone removal without surgery

MUNICH (INP): Dornier Medizintechnik in Munich, a subsidiary of the German aviation and space technology concern Dornier, has unveiled a trail-blazing new product — the "Dornier Lithotripter MPL 9000," which can remove both kidney stones and gallstones from the human body without the need for surgery.

Since the introduction in

1980 of a process for the destruction of kidney stones, more than half a million people around the world have been liberated from their suffering in this way. Now, beginning in 1985, the shock wave principle has been incorporated into another new method which has removed the gallstones of 500 patients at hospitals in Wuppertal and Munich. The "Dornier Lithotripter MPL 9000" is the only machine at present in

use which can remove both kidney stones and gallstones.

It is a logical extension of the Dornier machine for use against kidney stones only. Without surgery, the device smashes the stones without damaging the surrounding tissue; the particles pass out of the body naturally. The system involves less discomfort and risk to patients than the use of surgery.

Pioneer

Dornier Medizintechnik's pioneer work in developing shock wave treatment has taken the firm to the top of the world market in its field. The discovery resulted from research into the causes of material defects and faults in supersonic aircraft in which the shock wave phenomenon was observed.

ANDY CAPP



By Smith

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

CHOLESTEROL, TRIGLYCERIDES ARE FATTY SUBSTANCES IN BLOOD

QUESTION: I've got cholesterol and triglycerides all mixed up. What are they and how do they affect the heart?

ANSWER: Questions about cholesterol and triglycerides are just about the most frequently asked for all the letters addressed to me. It's a fairly complicated situation and I'll try to make it as easy to understand as possible, but if you don't get it all right this time, fear not, as I am sure I will be writing more about it sometime.

Cholesterol and triglycerides are fatty substances in our blood left over from the food we eat or are made by our bodies from carbohydrates and fat. Both are essential to health. For instance, triglycerides give us energy, and cholesterol aids digestion. Problems, particularly those involving the heart, only occur when we get too much of these substances in our system and can't get rid of them.

If we eat more sugars and starches (carbohydrates) than our bodies can use, the excess is turned into fat. And it is this fat from which our bodies make triglycerides. Likewise, food that comes from animals, such as

meat, egg yolks and dairy products, supplies both triglycerides and cholesterol. Because Americans eat large quantities of red meat and dairy products, we ingest large quantities of both triglycerides and cholesterol. The fat in these products is "saturated," meaning it stays solid at room temperature.

While the fats found in such things as grains, corn, fish and sunflower seeds tend to mix with our blood, animal fats do not. They float in the bloodstream, waiting to be picked up and carried out of the body by "helpers" called proteins. The trouble is some proteins do a better job getting rid of the fat than others. And more solid (saturated) fat tends to be in the body the harder it is for the proteins to do their job.

The three types of fat-carrying proteins (lipoproteins) in the bloodstream are: high-density lipoproteins (HDLs), low-density lipoproteins (LDLs) and very-low-density lipoproteins (VLDLs). HDLs are called fat removers because they are hefty (dense) enough to absorb the fat and carry it off.

LDLs are called fat carriers because they aren't thick enough to capture the fat. They

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Raindrops smashing into these planes produced a pressure of up to 160,000 bar, generating a shock wave on impact which reproduced itself and caused cracks in various materials far from the original impact point.

Once the idea of a healing method had been conceived, scientists developed increasingly accurate data on the physics and technique of non-surgical kidney stone removal. It was clear that shock waves could be used to attack the weakest point of the stones — their brittleness. The build-up of tension quickly causes cracks in the stones, and before long they disintegrate entirely. Tissue "yields" to a shock wave because of its elasticity, so the shock wave passes through human tissue without causing damage.

Jackie Lee

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Nazer sees new horizons for Opec

Kuwait ready to strengthen oil price stability

VIENNA, May 3, (Agencies): Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa, reacting to charges by Iran and others, reiterated here yesterday that Kuwait is always ready to work toward the stability of oil prices in world markets.

"A destabilised market does not serve the economic interests of Kuwait," Sheikh Ali told reporters at a press conference, while terming the accusations as "invalid, baseless and stupid."

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and others opposed an Algerian proposal on Sunday to cut 300,000 barrels per day from overall Opec's production. Instead, the Gulf countries supported a proposal by non-Opec states to cut back the production by 5 per cent, which amounts to 183,000 barrels per day.

Production

Sheikh Ali said the consultative ministerial conference, which ended its meetings here yesterday, decided to form a technical committee including representatives from all member states and chaired by the conference president Al Hajj Rilwanu Lukman to discuss technical issues relating to production and pricing.

The committee, the Kuwaiti oil minister added, will submit a report to the regular ministerial conference which will be held here on June 6.

Boom in US exports and Japanese imports

WASHINGTON, May 3, (AP): US exports and Japanese imports boomed last year, while the United States slowed the pace of its buying abroad and Japanese sales declined, according to International Monetary Fund figures reported yesterday.

US exports rose 13.2 per cent, against 1 per cent in 1986. The growth of imports was 2.2 per cent instead of 10.9 per cent.

Japanese imports rose by 6.1 per cent in the first nine months of 1987, a considerable increase though less than the 12.8 per cent of 1986. Exports dropped by 2.4 per cent, more than double the 1 per cent of 1986.

The changes were in the volume of goods shipped. The fund calls them "real adjustments in trade patterns." But it notes that trade remains far out of balance, especially in terms of the US dollar.

Goods

Dollar figures reflect the drop of the US currency against the yen and the mark as the actual amount of the goods exported. This drop reduces the value of US foreign sales and increases the cost of US imports. In Japan and West Germany, the effect is the opposite: imports are cheaper and sales bring in less money, in terms of dollars.

The United States bought \$173.7 billion worth of goods more than it sold, up from \$169.8 billion the year before.

Japan's surplus in foreign trade dropped to \$80.4 billion, down from \$83.2 billion in 1986.

West Germany, also urged by the United States to increase its buying, raised its imports by 5.2 per cent — somewhat less than the 5.9 per cent increase the previous year. But it also increased its foreign sales by 2.8 per cent, considerably more than the rise of 1 per cent in 1986.

The Germans increased their trade surplus to \$65.8 billion from \$52.2 billion a year earlier.

Taken as a whole, the 21 countries that the fund calls "industrial" bought more than they sold to poorer areas: \$85.4 billion worth, up from \$66.1 billion in 1986. Neither the Soviet Union nor any other country with a Communist government is included in this category.

The figure also reflects the drop in the value of the dollar. At the end of March it was worth 8.65 per cent less than it was 12 months earlier, the fund calculates.

Malaysia-Japan economic conference planned

KUALA LUMPUR, May 3, (Kun): Some 80 Japanese entrepreneurs are expected to attend a Malaysia-Japan economic conference beginning here on June 6.

The two-day meeting jointly organised by the Malaysia-Japan Economic Association (Majeca) and the Japan-Malaysia Economic Association (Jameca) will be declared open by Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

James secretary Wan Yusof Ismail said here today the Japanese delegation for the meeting will be led by Majeca president Masumi Ishii.

The consultative conference also instructed the communications committee to continue its contacts with non-Opec oil producing countries to forge common stands, according to Sheikh Ali.

While underlining the importance of cooperation among the organisation and other oil producing countries, the Kuwaiti minister pointed out that "this cooperation must be erected on thick foundation and should look for long-term results."

Plunge

"It is not so crucial that oil prices plunge during the next few days as a result of the outcome of the latest meetings. Rather, it is more crucial to work on the longer term for the stability of oil prices and the maintenance of the official prices," he stressed.

Sheikh Ali, who returned to Kuwait shortly after the conference, said that technical issues could have a devastating effect on decision to cut back Opec's production.

Success

He said the Vienna meeting was a success because the non-Opec countries became aware of the necessity of stabilising the world oil market.

Sheikh Ali pointed out that non-Opec countries had offered larger production cuts in the past than they had done this time.



Sheikh Ali

He praised Mexico for its "seriousness and professionalism" in handling the issue of cooperation towards oil market stability.

"Our relationship with non-Opec countries does not depend on a longer-term relationship, he said.

"We have been and are still sacrificing although we are exporting 50 to 60 percent of our export capacity," he said, adding that the Opec concern was with long-term price stability rather than short-term gain.

The Saudi minister made a strong plea for discipline in Opec ranks and emphasised that there was a sincere desire among the member countries to achieve it. He also paid warm tribute to Mexico, saying "Mexico accepts our position" and is keen to work

before Opec and many avenues of hope."

He was addressing a press conference to sum up his impressions of the Opec consultative meeting.

Nazer declared that there was now an awareness and a recognition that oil market stability was a collective "world responsibility" and it was not possible for Opec alone to carry the burden. The significance of the Opec/non-Opec encounter in Vienna lay in that.

The Saudi minister said Opec welcomed more oil producers to come in, formally or informally, joint or separately, to balance supply and demand and thus stabilise the international oil market. He added that "serious discussions" had been held with the non-Opec group last week and he expected contacts to continue.

Solutions

Nazer said he did not believe in short-term solutions which he called "quarrellers". He added that it was "much better to solve basic problems than take trans-quarrellers."

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for lasting and long-term solutions.

Asked about the reported Saudi formula of an Opec production cut across the board and in equal measure, he said: "A cut is a cut and it should make everybody aware that it hurts."

He added that it was necessary that all members should join in the collective effort being undertaken.

Discipline

He also spoke in strong terms about the need for production discipline. He said that there was not only a desire among Opec members to ensure that, but "perseverance" aimed at "putting an end to this endless and vicious circle of overproduction. This is something which has just got to stop."

Nazer was hopeful of Opec/non-Opec contacts growing on positive lines. "Early last year we went to them one by one and now they came to Vienna as a group," he said, adding that Opec was keen to Norway to become part of that group.

He stressed the need for a lasting understanding with non-Opec producers. There was no point in "ad hoc exercises." He expressed the hope that there would be "some form of long-term relationship" between the two groups.

On US Energy Secretary Herrington's remarks about the responsibility for securing market equilibrium.

Opec/non-Opec meeting, he said US oil states like Texas were greatly interested in the stability of the world oil market, then added: "I think Herrington was speaking from a theoretical rather than practical point of view."

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al'Chalabi has reiterated his country's support for maximising efforts to strengthen Opec's price structure and restore stability to the oil market.

Speaking on his return from Opec's consultative conference in Vienna, the minister pointed out that Iraq was seeking through joint efforts with other Opec member countries to reach "positive and just" results that would be in the interests of all oil producers.

Talks

He stressed that following Opec's four days of talks, the organisation's oil ministers had agreed to maintain contacts with non-Opec oil producers to pursue necessary joint measures towards strengthening the oil price structure.

Al'Chalabi described the Opec/non-Opec dialogue as "a turning-point and positive step" towards promoting cooperation, stating that the move was further proof of a need for all oil producers to help shoulder the responsibility for securing market equilibrium.

World Business Summary

World Bank lowers status of its loans to Panama

WASHINGTON, May 3, (AP): Panama has paid nothing to the World Bank for six months on the \$502 million owed to it, the bank announced yesterday. As a consequence, the bank's loans to Panama have been placed in a "non-accrual status." That means the bank will no longer include on its own statements interest and other charges due from Panama until money is actually received.

The bank, owned by 151 countries, is the biggest single source of aid money for the Third World. The United States is the largest shareholder. "Placing loans in a non-accrual status is an accounting action which does not reduce in any way the country's obligation to the bank or the bank's ability to assist the country in formulating policies to help redress its economic difficulties," the announcement said. On Nov. 30, the bank stopped disbursing loans to Panama, as it does to any borrowing country whenever payments on earlier loans are more than 75 days overdue. Panama's financial situation has been deteriorating for almost a year because of the political crisis there. On Sept. 1 it was reported that withdrawals from banks in Panama had totalled over \$4 billion since June, about 10 per cent of their deposits, because of the political crisis.

Panama has 118 banks, and has been a major Latin American financial centre.

Natural gas explorers find success in Michigan

TRAVERSE CITY, Michigan, May 3, (AP): Petrostar Energy and a French-owned oil and chemical company have launched a multimillion-dollar effort to tap natural gas reserves believed to lie deep below woods and farmland of the northern lower Peninsula of Michigan. The deal, announced last week between Petrostar and Elf Aquitaine Petroleum, underscores the flurry of exploration in Michigan since 1980. That year, an energy company company drilling for potash unexpectedly struck natural gas 10,800 feet (3,292 metres) down in a layer of sand known as the Prairie Du Chien.

Traverse City-based Petrostar said spending on the project could top \$100 million. A typical deep gas well costs about 1.5 million and can exceed \$2 million. The first phase is scheduled to include 12 exploratory wells. In 1987, the exploration resulted in 32 successful deep gas wells, more than in all years since the original find. The Michigan basin, which underlies most of the lower Peninsula, became "one of the most successful and lucrative oil and gas hunting grounds in the United States," the Oil and Gas Journal said in its March issue.

Sri Lankan economic growth lowest in 16 years, says bank

COLOMBO, May 3, (Reuter): Sri Lanka, beset by bad weather and a violent campaign by guerrillas fighting for a separate Tamil state, last year recorded its lowest economic growth in 16 years. The Central Bank said in its 1987 annual report that the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by only 1.5 per cent last year compared to 4.3 per cent in 1986 and an average 5.5 per cent in the 1977 to 1986 period. The economic growth in 1987 was the lowest since civil disturbances affected growth in 1971, underscoring the need for stable and peaceful conditions for sustained economic development, the report said. The Census and Statistics Department said in a separate report on April 25 that GDP growth last year was two per cent. Finance Ministry economists said unpredictable weather cut rubber output from 137.8 million kg to 123 million kg last year — its lowest in two decades. Coconut and rice production and also tea recorded a marginal increase. Economists said severe drought conditions in first quarter of year and heavy rain in third quarter damaged crops. The Tamil rebellion in northern and eastern parts of the Indian Ocean island also curtailed rice and fish output.

EEC economy growing

BRUSSELS, Belgium, May 3, (AP): The economies of the 12 European Economic Community nations grew by an estimated 2.4 per cent in 1987, the EEC statistics agency Eurostat reported yesterday. In its latest forecast for 1987, it said this compared with 2.9 per cent for the United States and 3.7 per cent for Japan, the EEC's biggest trading partners. In the fourth quarter of 1987, it said, the EEC economy grew by 2.4 per cent, compared with 5.7 per cent and 2.6 per cent in the third and second quarters. Unemployment in the EEC fell by 1.8 per cent from March 1987 to March 1988, Eurostat said. It said this was due largely to a 17.5 per cent drop in Britain and 7.4 per cent drop in Belgium. But other EEC members saw the ranks of their jobless grow during that 12-month period, including Italy (up 8.6 per cent), Spain (6 per cent), Denmark (3.9 per cent) and West Germany (1.1 per cent). Inflation in the EEC rose on average by 2.6 per cent in the 12-month period through March, down from 3 per cent a year earlier.

The EEC's inflation rate thus remained below the 3.9 per cent for the United States, but well above Japan's 0.6 per cent for the 12 months to March.

South Korea's exports drop

SEOUL, South Korea, May 3, (AP): Due to the continued revaluation of its currency, South Korea's merchandise exports slowed down in April to a record \$46.2 billion, government officials said today. April exports were up 25.9 per cent from the same month last year, but fell short of the average export growth rate of 35.1 per cent recorded in the first four months of 1988, the officials said. The April figures pushed South Korea's total exports during the first four months of this year to \$17.43 billion, up 32.5 per cent from the same period last year, they said. Imports also rose to \$4.14 billion in April, up 23.8 per cent from a year earlier. South Korea's four-month import total this year increased to \$15.54 billion, up 34.8 per cent from the same period last year, the officials said. South Korea's won currency has been revalued 7.05 per cent so far this year. A higher won makes South Korean exports more expensive abroad, while lowering the import prices of foreign goods.

South Korea has been under pressure from the United States to speed up the pace of its own revaluation to help cut its growing trade surplus. South Korea chalked up a current account surplus of \$9.78 billion last year. The current account measures trade in goods and services plus certain unilateral transfers.

Egypt voices support for Opec

CAIRO, May 3, (Reuter): Non-Opec Egypt is ready to work with the producers' group to raise oil prices despite Opec's failure to agree on joint output cuts, a state oil company official said yesterday.

"We remain ready to cooperate with Opec for the sake of a stable oil market," Hamad Ayoub, vice-chairman of the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC), told Reuters after returning from Vienna talks between Opec members and leading producers outside the combine. Apparently content to wait and see how markets moved, the EGPC pricing committee kept Egypt's crude prices unchanged for the first half of May, with top grades at \$14.85 a barrel — already below latest market prices. Egypt fixes its prices twice monthly, and has led non-Opec moves to hammer out an accord with Opec, the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, aimed at maintaining crude prices around \$18 a barrel. It exports about one-third of its output put by the government at an average 67,000 barrels a day (bpd). Ayoub said he had not expected the Vienna talks to fall.

"I expected an agreement, he said, adding that Egypt had not received Opec's official explanation of its members' failure to agree on output cuts.



President Reagan addresses the annual meeting of the US Chamber of Commerce on Monday. The president won cheers by promising to make good his determination to veto the trade bill. (Reuter wirephoto)

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1988

LONDON
 TRADING STOKE'S

Prices at the time of going to Press

LAST

282/0

ADT LTD

121.0

ALD LYONS

407.0

ANSTRAD

162.0

ARGYLL GP

192/0

ASDA GP

165/0

BAA PP

115.0

BTR

256/0

BAT IND

413/0

BARCLAYS

378/0

BASS

838/0

BEAVER

83.75

BEECHAMS

477/0

BERKIS

293.0

BICC PLC

310.0

BLUE ARRO

117/0

BLC CIRC

418.0

B.O.C.

376.0

B.P. NEW

75.0

BR TELCO

252/0

BRIT OIL

512/0

BUNZL

157.0

BURMAG OL

562/0

BURTON

240.0

CABLESWIR

332.0

CABURYS

348.0

COATS VIT

245.5

COMM UNIT

335.0

CONS GOLD

980.0

COOKSONS

535/0

COURTAULD

582.0

DALGETY

290/0

DEE CP

184/0

DIXONS

176/0

ENG CHINA

431/0

ENTER OIL

400/0

FKI BACB

125.0

FERRANTI

84/0

GEN ACCID

897.0

GEN ELEC

149/0

GLANO

246/0

GRANADA

136.0

GLOBE

458.0

GRAND NET

492.0

GUARD RYL

908.0

GKN

318/0

GUINNESS

313/0

HAMMERH A

570.0

HANSON

129/0

HAWKER SID

530/0

HILLSDOWN

280/0

HINPEY GE

270/0

ICI

993/0

LONDON
 (Bourse Stock)

Prices at the time of going to Press

Press

LAST

265.0

NAME

CLOSE

OPEN

270/0

2ND ALLCE

704/0

705/0

BRENT CHE

139/0

138/0

BRENT MCR

378/0

378/0

CALDONIA

345/0

348/0

A.B.ELECT

418/0

415/0

CAP GRP

365/0

360/0

CARON

340/0

340/0

CARON

314/0

315/0

CARTERIA

26/0

CARTIER

120/0

CATER ALL

370/0

CATER CITY

370/0

CENT ITV

503/0

CENTR AL

159/0

CENTR HIL

260/0

CENTR HIL

260/0

CENTR SEC

50/0

CENTR SEC

315/0

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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International Bond Highlights

CANBERRA — Moody's Investors Service Inc said it has given a prime-1 short-term debt rating to the Victorian government's Public Authority Finance Agency for its Euronote programme. (RTZN 0203)

Interest Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8 7-3/4	8-1/8 1/16	8-7/16 5/16
FFT 3.30/35	3.30/40	3.40/50
PAR 7-7/16 9/16	7-3/4 7/8	8 8-1/8
ZUR 1-3/4 1-5/8	1-7/8 2-1/8	2 2-1/4
BRI 5.50	6.00 1/8	6.00 1/8
RDN 9-3/4 10-1/4	9-7/8 10-3/8	10-3/8 10-7/8
AMS 3-15/16 4-1/16	4.0 4-1/8	4.0 4-1/8
TOK 3.3125 3750	3.8125 8750	3.8750 9375
ECU 5.81 5.93	6.06 6.18	6.37 6.50

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait on Thursday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5 7/8	6 3/8
3 months	5 13/16	6 1/4
6 months	5 11/16	6 1/8
1 year	5 5/8	6 1/16

BOMBAY

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GL/INDIA	68	66	67	NICO	528	517.50	510
ACC 154	153	150	GRASIM	95	95	92.50	NOCIL	462.50	460	450
ASIA PAINT 146.25	146.25	145	GSFC	105	105	102	ORKAY	24	23.75	23.50
BAJAJ AUTO 208.75	205	202.50	HIND LEVER	76	76	73	PEICO	33.25	33	32.50
BAR.RAYON 210.20	205	205	HINDALCO	77	75	77	PFIZER	62	63	61.50
BOM.BUYING 133	131	130.50	HINDCOTTA	81	80	76.25	PRE.AUTO	29.50	29	27.50
BR. BOND 94.50	94	95.50	HINDMOTOR	18	18.75	19	RAYMOND	47	46	45.50
BSE INDEX 471.50	482.42	482	IND.ORG	20.50	20	19.50	RELIANCE	122.50	123.50	120
CENTURYSPLG 830	825	820	INDRAYON	62	62	60	SIEMENS	66	65	65
COLGATE 176.50	175	172.50	INDROL	168.75	170	162.50	SPIC	34.75	34.65	33
DEEPAKFERT 29.50	29	28.50	ITC	36	35	36	SHOTMILLS	245	240	230
EI.HOTEL 52	51	52	JKSYNTH	55.25	56	54.50	TATA PWR	.260	255	250
ESKAPE 167.50	166.25	160	L&T	87	87	84.50	TATACHEM	65	65	64
ESSAR 17	17	16.50	MAHINDRA	59	59	58	TELCO	497.50	487.50	480
GAR. POLY 77	76	76.50	MASTERSHR	10.12	10	10.12	TISCO	711.25	707.50	700
GE.SHIP 27.25	27	27.15	MATHER PL	77.50	81.25	77.50	VOLTAS	281.50	285	290

US steel industry back in the black

resolved. Unions have made wage concessions.

The turnaround was painful, marked by years of outraged charges of unfair foreign competition, demands for government protection, confrontations with environmentalists, troubles with labour and, some say, poor management.

Its return couldn't have been more effectively stated than on April 26, when USX, the No. 1 steelmaker, Bethlehem, Wheeling-Pittsburgh and National reported solid improvements in earnings.

Just a year ago it was another story: USX was in the red, Bethlehem was the subject of bankruptcy rumours, Wheeling had filed for protection under the bank-bust laws, and National was losing money.

Still, 1987 wasn't so bad. For the industry as a whole it was the first profitable year since 1981. Yes, six straight years in the red for what used to be considered the symbol of American industrial might.

Better

Now, 1988 is shaping up as an even better year than 1987. Reflecting this, steel stocks are in favour again and arising.

Moreover, steel analysts are saying that the new steel industry probably will be profitable for long time to come, a consequence not just of the lower dollar but of a long and costly rejuvenation over the past decade or so.

Says Harvey Katz, analyst for value line: "The investment case for steel is the strongest it's been in years, both for the performance-minded and for those with a three-to-five-year perspective."

Among other things, the industry has rid itself of dated facilities; shrunk itself by one-third; installed continuous casting systems that reduce labour, materials and energy costs; and retreated from ill-conceived diversifications.

It's seemingly ages-old complaint about high labour costs — workers in the steel industry commonly received much higher wages than in comparable industries — seems to have been in them.

Pinochet's poll hopes pinned to Chile's economic growth

SANTIAGO, May 3. (Reuter): General Augusto Pinochet, whose military government will call Chileans to the polls later this year, is pinning his hopes on the country's economy as it steams towards its fifth straight year of steady growth.

Despite the burden of \$19 billion of foreign debts, one of the highest per capita levels amongst Latin America's debtor nations, economic output has been expanding at rates of around five per cent per year, exports are rising fast and inflation is under control.

Crisis

Even unemployment, which during the debt crisis of the early 1980s affected over a quarter of the workforce in this country of 12 million people, has fallen to around 10 percent.

The confidence exuded by the government's mainly civilian financial team contrasts with the debt-provoked gloom hovering over most of the region's economies.

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG	JOR LEASING CORP.	0.80	0.75
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.19	1.19	JOR PHOSPHATE MFG	2.21
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.79	1.82	JOR PIPE MANUFACT.	1.15
ARAB BANK	115.0	115.0	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER.	3.91	3.90	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	3.96
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.33	1.33	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.53
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10	1.05	JOR SECURIT. CORP.	0.75
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.98	0.98	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.51
ARAB INT. UNION INS.	0.94	0.90	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.15
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58	JOR HORSTED MILL	4.66
ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	2.10	2.10	JOR KUWAIT AGR	1.00
ARAB PAPER CON/TRA	0.35	0.36	JOR PETROLEUM REF.	7.07
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.97	1.99	JOR FRENCH INS.	5.20
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM.	0.76	0.75	JOR INV.FIN.CORP.	1.88
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---	JORDAN DAIRY	0.30
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.16
BANK OF JORDAN	15.00	15.00	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85
CAIRO ARABIAN BANK	30.00	30.00	JORDAN ISLAMIC BN.	1.67
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.36	0.36	JORDAN KUWAIT BN.	1.45
DAR ALDAWA DIV/INV.	1.41	1.42	JORDAN TANNING	1.95
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.40	0.40	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77
GENERAL CREDIT/COR.	0.50	0.50	MACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN.	0.75
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.10	4.10	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69
GENERAL INVESTMENT	2.39	2.63	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.60
GENERAL MINNING	1.26	1.25	MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60
HIMMER MINERALS	0.79	0.79	MIDDLE EAST INS.	60.00
HOLY LAND INS.	1.20	1.22	MIDDLE EAST INS.	60.00
IND./MATCH/JENCO	0.60	0.60	MAT.FINVEST CO.	1.80
INDSTR/DEVPLT BNK	1.40	1.40	MAT/CABLE/WIRE/HF	0.95
INDSTR/COM/AGR.	1.29	1.29	MAT/INDUSTRY	0.50
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	MAT/PORTFOLIO	0.69
INTERI.COM/CON.	0.19	0.20	MAT/STEEL	2.80
IRIBIN ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.96	MIDDLE EAST DRY BATTER	0.25
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	PETRA BANK	2.00
ITERMED/PETRICH	1.22	1.22	PETRA JRS.	0.50
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.75	0.75	PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.85
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.89
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.60	13.60	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.39
JOH CERAMIC FACTOR	1.04	1.04	SHIPPING LINES	0.78
JOR EAGLES INC.	25.01	25.05	SPINNING WEAVING	0.75
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.45	1.45	THE HOUSING BANK	1.71
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.21	UNITED INSURANCE	1.00
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.90	0.92	UNIVERSAL CHEN.IND.	1.48
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50	UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.40	1.41	WOODLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	YARHUK INSURANCE	1.05

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE

Oil prices steady

Dollar and gold ease in light trading

LONDON, May 3. (Agencies): The US dollar fell against all major currencies except the Canadian dollar in light European trading early today. Gold prices also fell.

The US currency fluctuated within a narrow range in the first hours of trading.

Traders said there was little followup to Monday's trading in New York because Japanese markets were closed for a National Holiday.

The dollar was quoted at 124.80 Japanese yen in London, down from 125.33 yen in Tokyo on Monday.

Midmorning dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Monday:

- 1.6782 West German marks, down from 1.6810
- 3.3971 Swiss francs, down from 3.4015
- 5.7040 French francs, down from 5.7153

- 1.8843 Dutch guilders, down from 1.8860
- 1.2483 Italian lire, down from 1.251.60
- 1.2325 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2315
- The British pound edged up to \$1.8704 from \$1.8645.

Price

London bullion dealers fixed a recommended gold price of \$444.30 a troy ounce, down from \$449.25 last Friday. London bullion markets were closed on Monday for a national holiday.

Gold was bid at \$431.10 in Zurich, down from \$446 on Monday.

Earlier, it closed in Hong Kong at a bid of \$446.57, down from \$450.30.

Silver bullion traded in London at \$6.34 a troy ounce, down from \$6.45 in London last Friday.

Oil prices steadied today after falling on Monday's news that

Opec failed to clinch a new accord to cut surplus output.

Higher demand in coming months may stop the price of the barrel falling too far. And, with Opec meeting again in June, it could head higher later in the year, market analysts said.

Oil and gold shares eased in several centres.

In Asia, Sydney's Australian All-Ordinaries index was dragged down by falls in oil and gold prices to close 11.1 points down at 1,444.7.

Gold shares eased slightly in Johannesburg.

In London, the stocks of the Shell Oil Group opened 19 pence (35 cents) off at £10.43 (\$19.45).

"I think many people thought yesterday prices went too far down and some people covered their short positions," a London trader said.

Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens said in Detroit on Monday night: "I expect the price of oil to stabilise around \$18 a barrel by the end of the year."

But money markets' relief that

Opec was not going to send energy costs sharply higher right now and threaten a new twist to inflation was reflected in slightly weaker gold prices.

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Laos seeks foreign help for its run-down economy

VIENTIANE, May 3. (Reuter): Laos is tentatively lifting some of the barriers to the world it erected after the 1975 communist takeover, joining its Indochinese allies in seeking outside help for its run-down economy.

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Businessmen from neighbouring Thailand, as well as Japan and Europe, have begun taking a closer look at Laos since the government announced a "new economic management" reform programme in late 1986.

Fast-developing Thailand, which has cultural and historic links to the 3.5 million Lao people, is the state's traditional route to the sea and most natural trading partner.

Regulations

Sophon Kosuyawat, commercial counsellor at the Thai embassy, told Reuter: "We don't discourage Thais from investing here but we warn them that there are no investment laws. It's still too risky and there are no guarantees."

"I'd like to see them come up with investment regulations like Vietnam. It's quite likely they will."

According to Thai embassy figures, official Laotian trade with Thailand, hugely in the Thais' favour, increased by 36 per cent last year over 1986 to \$37.5 million. Illegal cross-border trade in consumer goods may be double the total.

Risky

Japanese embassy figures put total Japanese, Australian, Swedish and West German aid to Laos in 1987 at \$30 million, with Vietnam and the Soviet Union supplying \$40 million.

Laotian Foreign Minister Phoune Sipraseth visited Tokyo in late March and a group of Japanese experts was invited to give a seminar to Laotian officials on trade and business in Vientiane.

Long-time European traders, however, warned that trading with Laos was risky and frustrating.

Unemployment edges down

American interest rates likely to move higher

THE US equity market retreated in March in the wake of a weakening bond market. The broadly-based Standard and Poors Composite index fell 1.4 per cent over the month.

However, several sectors — especially those generally most affected by a deteriorating interest rate environment — fell more sharply than this. Technology stocks were particularly weak. Financials, such as insurance companies, and utilities were also hard hit.

Most economic statistics point to a reasonably healthy level of activity in the economy. The unemployment rate edged down to 5.6 per cent in March. Although new orders for manufactured goods fell in February, order books nevertheless increased for the twelfth successive month.

Price

Meanwhile, personal incomes rose 0.9 per cent in February and consumption by 0.7 per cent. Together these figures imply an increase in the after tax savings rate to 5.2 per cent.

The news on consumer price inflation remains good. US consumer prices rose only 0.2 per cent in February. However, the risks of cost push inflation appear to be increasing.

Production is running at close to full capacity in many basic industries — paper, chemicals, some steels etc.

Moreover the unemployment rate began to dip to levels consistent with a rise in wage

rates and strong economic fundamentals.

Despite a favourable budget, UK equities retreated slightly although the exceptional strength of sterling boosted returns in US dollar terms. The UK market's weakness reflects its understanding that the government is determined to use the combination of a high exchange rate and relatively high interest rates in order to squeeze margins and (thereby) restrain wage inflation.

In other circumstances the combination of tax cuts and lower interest rates (base rates were cut 50 basis points on March 17 and again on April 8) would have boosted the market strongly.

The UK budget was well signalled in advance and contained few surprises. The Chancellor announced tax cuts of nearly £4 billion and a target budgetary surplus of £3 billion of 1988/89. The income tax structure has been completely overhauled.

Instead of six different rates between 27 per cent and 60 per cent, there will be only two rates in future — a basic rate of 25 per cent and a higher rate of 40 per cent.

In addition, personal allowances were raised by 7.5 per cent — twice the amount needed to keep pace with inflation. Tax cuts on this scale are clearly expansionary and UK markets are clearly worried that, in fueling demand, the Chancellor will exacerbate the already deteriorating balance of payments.

This may lead to higher interest rates later in the year. It is worth noting that although the negative target for the PSBR implies net debt retirement, the government will extract at least £4.5 billion from the equity market as a result of previous privatisation issues which are as yet not paid in full.

Intention

The government's intention to apply a squeeze on margins sufficient to brake wage inflation is bad news for UK equities — especially for companies subject to international competition.

Moreover, although sterling may go higher over the next month or two, it is trading at levels which are not sustainable over the long term.

In view of this, we have cut back the UK weighting in our European funds to 30 per cent. Looking further ahead, we suspect that the US dollar will firm against most currencies in the second half of the year.

Record

This should permit the rally in the mainland European markets of Germany, France and Switzerland to continue. We intend to reduce the UK weighting further in coming months to advantage of the expected recovery in these markets.

Scimitar believes that JISAs interest rates may move higher in the near term in view of the strength of the US economy and the need to protect the dollar.

It is worth noting that, while the Japanese authorities have been keen to provide support to the market when necessary, they have recently expressed worries about the market overheating.

Hong Kong and Singapore both registered gains in March. The Hong Kong Seng index rose 5.2 per cent while the Singapore Straits Times index rose 4.2 per cent.

The Australian market was exceptionally strong with the All Ordinary index rising 13.2 per cent. This rise was broadly based. Gold stocks benefited from the recovery in the gold price. Demand for raw material stocks was strong as investors became less fearful as to the possibility of a world recession. Metal and retail stocks also performed well.

Provided by Scimitar's Monthly Market Review.

Seoul expands trade with China, Eastern Europe

South Korean electronics come of age



South Korean women do final tests of colour television at Samsung Electronics plant, south of Seoul. Manufacturing good products at low prices, South Korea's electronics firms have emerged as world-class corporations. (Reuter wirephoto)

Mohammad stresses major changes in economic structure

THE chairman of the Economic Committee at the Higher Council for Planning, Dr Mohammad Al Sabah speaking to a local newspaper stated that the development budget endorsed by the council envisages the smooth functioning of the economic situation in Kuwait.

However, Al Sabah cautioned that the Manakh crisis could reappear at some point unless major changes in the economic structure were instituted. Such changes, he felt, should achieve a relative proportional economic balance amongst the Kuwaiti population.

He stressed the need for optimising the investment of manpower resources through education to upgrade individual productivity on which the future economic strategy of the country could be based.

Inferring that the stock exchange was fettered by many legal constraints, he stated that the Economic Committee was considering the creation of a network which would interact between the various economic sectors.

Al Sabah pointed out that Kuwait's international commercial relations had improved over the last year and the balance of trade was expected to result in a surplus of KD1000 million for 1987, while oil exports increased 11 per cent and total value of exports amounted to KD204 million; value of imports receded to KD1329 million.

Saudi riyal deposits firm

BAHRAIN, May 3. (Reuter): Saudi riyal interbank deposits edged higher today on the back of a rise in dollar interest rates but the market remained quiet in a typical trend during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Dealers said actively focused on day-to-day maturities which also climbed amid position-covering ahead of the Gulf Friday weekend.

Even in Japan, Korean electronics are catching on — "Japanese used to have a poor image of South Korean goods, but no longer."

"These goods are bought mainly by young people and price is the main factor," said an executive of Kotobuki Sangyo, a Japanese importer.

South Korea produced more than \$17 billion worth of electronics last year, 44 percent more than in 1986, and now trails only Japan as supplier of video-recorders and colour televisions.

Its electronics industry is still only one-seventh the size of Japan's. And most Korean consumer electronics items are still exported under brand names of famous Japanese or US firms, or house names of major retailers such as J.C. Penney.

And many components, about 40 per cent in the case of a video-recorder are imported from Japan.

Worried

But Korean companies say that foreign businesses are worried enough to be increasingly reluctant to transfer high technology, the lifeblood of Korea's dynamic growth.

"The near-term outlook is not so rosy. Exports will be hurt later this year," said Y.H. Choi, manager of International Trade for the Electronic Industries Association of Korea.

The won, already up about six per cent against the dollar since the start of 1988, is expected to rise 10 to 15 per cent more this year.

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CUBAN citizens used defence as a theme for their May Day celebrations in Havana on Sunday. A giant painting of Che Guevara hangs in the background. (Reuter wirephoto)



SUPPORTERS of the Polish outlawed Solidarity union stand on a ledge at the gate of the Lenin Shipyard during a prayer service for striking workers on Monday. The service was led by Father Henryk Jankowski, a close adviser of Solidarity leader Lech Walesa. (Reuter wirephoto)



OLIVER NORTH, who faces 16 charges stemming from his role in the Iran-Contra scandal, delivers the keynote address to the graduating class on Monday at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Prince and Princess of Wales take a walk at the Smith's Lawn where the prince participated in a polo match. The prince's team Windsor Park beat Eaglesfield 6-2. (Reuter wirephoto)



JOSEFA EDRALIN MARCOS, 95, yesterday issued a deathbed call for her son, deposed Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos, to be allowed home from exile to see her before she dies. She is shown in the photo celebrating her son's birthday in September 1986. (Reuter wirephoto)



FIRST LADY Nancy Reagan receives a hug from Bob Hope after she sang 'Thanks for the Memories' to him on Sunday as the host of stars performed in celebration of Hope's 85th birthday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A POLICE officer throws cocaine into a fire at a cattle ranch near the house of reputed drug trafficker Pablo Escobar in the northern part of Colombia on Monday. Authorities burned 2,650 kilos of the confiscated drug. (Reuter wirephoto)



TWO cows peer over a wall after being attracted by the noise of tourists visiting a Catholic monastery on Lantau Island in Hong Kong recently. Monks keep the cows to collect milk for themselves and to sell fresh milk to visitors. (Reuter wirephoto)



SIX-WEEK-OLD Cleopatra, an Egyptian fruit bat, is fed milk through a syringe every two hours after being rejected at birth by her mother. (Reuter wirephoto)



MAYA SHRAGO, 5, of the Soviet Union, recovers from open heart surgery on Monday at Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Pemberton, New Jersey. Her mother Sofia (centre) and grandmother Icza Shrago (right) comfort her. (Reuter wirephoto)



PHILIPPINE President Corazon Aquino marches with Air Force chief Brig. Gen. Jose de Leon during an Air Force day on Monday. Aquino said in her speech the military had neutralised coup threats against her and promised the Philippines' ill-equipped soldiers more firepower in the war against the communist rebels. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SIGN at the German border with the Netherlands advises British armed forces personnel in Germany not to enter Holland. The signs were put up after the killing of three British servicemen on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

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VOLKSWAGEN Passat, first registration Sept 1982, manual with AC. KD300 ono. Tele. 3902469. 5-10 pm. (AT5-42138-3)

CHEVROLET Impala 1981 (Aghanim). Tele. 5615216. (AT4-42120-3)

CAMARO Z28, 1982 model, new type, fully automatic in very good condition. KD1600 ono, cash. Tele. Alex, 4848229. 9 am - 3 pm. (AT5-42094-3)

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SPORTS

Kuczynska eliminates Horvath

ROME, May 3, (Reuter): American Kathleen Horvath became the first seed to lose in the women's Italian Open Tennis tournament yesterday when she was defeated 6-4 6-0 by hard-hitting Polish outsider Iwona Kuczynska.

The 23-year-old from Florida was completely overpowered by Kuczynska, who used her imposing 1.78 metre height to great effect.

Kuczynska, 27, who has been steadily improving her game over the past year, said she was as happy on the slow clay of Rome's Foro Italico as on grass.

"I like to play both. I like the change. On clay you can play softer tennis with drop shots and slice," she said.

Kuczynska defected to the United States in 1981 but never became an American citizen and she expects to have her Polish passport restored to her soon.

For the past two years she has been living in Paris, undergoing treatment for an elbow injury which has dogged her five years.

"Now my arm is much better. I feel young again and full of confidence," she said.

Her ambition is to play again for Poland in the Federation Cup. "I would like to do something for the country," she said. "I had nothing against them except I couldn't travel."

Thirteenth seed Judith Wiesner of Austria had a tough first round match, taking four sets to overcome Italy's Gabriella Boscheri.

The 22-year-old, who reached the quarterfinals here last year, suffered lapses of concentration and made countless errors before finally pulling her game together to win 6-3 5-7 6-2.

American Chris Evert heads the seedings for the tournament, followed by Argentine teenager Gabriela Sabatini. Both have first-round byes.

Martina Navratilova, ranked second in the world, dropped out of the competition last week because of injury.

Last year's winner Steffi Graf of West Germany, the world's top ranked player had already decided not to play because she said she did not want to meet Navratilova in any but Grand Slam tournaments.

GOMEZ TAKES ORESAR TO TASK

Jaite and Kriek fall in first round

NEW YORK, May 3, (Reuter): Third seed Martin Jaite of Argentina yesterday was shocked by Gilad Bloom, rated 143 places lower on the world rankings computer, 6-4 6-6-2 in the first round of the \$677,500 Tournament of Champions at Forest Hills.

The 21-year-old Bloom, who has had little past success on clay, called his victory over one of the top players in the world on the surface, "by far the best" win of his career.

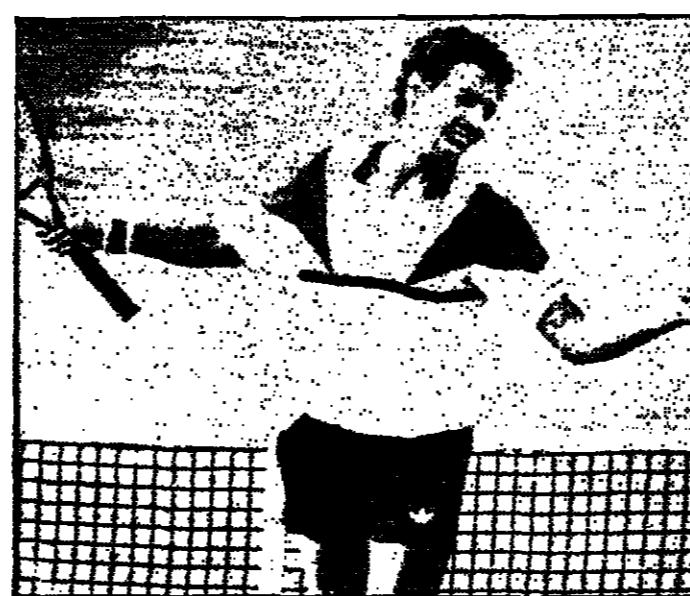
Struggle

The only other seed to fall on the cold, wet and windy opening day of play was American Johan Kriek, who lost a two hour and five minute struggle to Australian Simon Youl 6-7 6-4 7-5.

Bloom outplayed Jaite from the baseline and scored consistently with perfectly placed drop shots.

"I passed him pretty well and I attacked the short balls better than him," said Bloom.

Jaite, ranked world 14, came up with three service breaks to take the second set. But the hard-hitting Bloom was right back in



Gomez: eliminated Oresar

control as he jumped out to a 3-1 third set lead after Jaite netted an easy forehand volley to lose serve in the second game.

"I always have a kind of a mental let down after winning

terinals here last year and was expected to figure in the hunt for the \$127,600 winner's prize this year, was clearly shaken by the defeat.

"I've lost all my confidence. I don't know what happened," said the backbone of the Argentine Davis Cup team.

In other first round action, 10th-seeded American Eliot Teltscher, 13th-seed Luis Matta of Brazil, 14th-seed New Zealander Kelly Evernden, 15th-seeded Czechoslovak Milan Strehler and 16th seed Thomas Muster of Austria all advanced in straight sets.

Postponed

The scheduled centre court night match featuring eighth-seed Yugoslav Slobodan Zivojinovic against American wild card entry Jim Courier was postponed until today after yet another lengthy rain delay.

Top seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden and fourth-seeded former world number one John McEnroe are also scheduled to play first round matches this evening.

Davis clinches fifth crown

SHEFFIELD, England, May 3, (Reuter): Steve Davis of England collected a prize of £95,000 (\$178,600) when he claimed his fifth World Professional Snooker Championship yesterday by beating Welshman Terry Griffiths 18-11 in the final.

Davis, the world number one, was being held 8-8 overnight in the best-of-35-frame final but was in irresistible form when play resumed and won 10 of the last 13 frames.

Short

The victory took his earnings for the season to £425,000 (\$799,000), only £50,000 (£94,000) short of the total prize money on offer at the World Championship.

Griffiths, appearing in his first world final since he won the title at his first attempt in 1979, had the considerable consolation of a £57,000 (\$107,160) runner-up prize.

Hassey takes Athletics past Tigers

NEW YORK, May 3, (AP): Ron Hassey hit a two-run homer and drove in two more runs with a two-out double in the 10th inning to lead the Oakland Athletics to a 4-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers last night.

It was Oakland's eighth straight victory, while the Tigers had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Indians 3, Angels 0

Greg Swindell pitched a two-hitter for his sixth straight victory and second career shutout, and Brook Jacoby drove in two runs as the Cleveland Indians beat the California Angels 3-0.

The Indians broke a three-game losing streak to remain in first place in the American League East. Their 17-7 record matches the second-best start in their history.

Royals 2, Red Sox 0

George Brett had two doubles and a single, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Boston Red Sox 2-0 behind the clutch pitching of Floyd Bannister and three

relievers. Bannister 4-1, pitched 5 2-3 innings, allowing six hits, including three doubles. It was the second straight shutout loss for the Red Sox, who were blanked by Frank Viola of Minnesota on Sunday.

Yankees 6, White Sox 4

Rickey Henderson scored the tie-breaking run on a wild pitch in the 12th inning, and Don Mattingly scored on an error on the same play as the New York Yankees defeated the Chicago White Sox 6-4.

Orioles 8, Rangers 4

The Baltimore Orioles, spurred by a noisy crowd of 50,402 on "fantastic fans night," returned home and beat the Texas Rangers 9-4 as Cal Ripken homered and doubled.

The Orioles, 2-23 after a 1-11 road trip, won for the first time in nine tries at Memorial stadium this year. Before the game, Maryland Gov. William Donald Schaefer announced the team and the city had worked out a 15-year lease that includes a new, downtown ballpark.

Brewers 4, Twins 3

Dale Sveum's two-out single capped a three-run second inning, and Odell Jones pitched four innings of hitless relief as the Milwaukee Brewers defeated the

Minnesota Twins 4-3 and beat Bert Blyleven for the first time in three years.

The Brewers' victory was their first over Blyleven since May 22, 1985. The Twins' right-hander had beaten Milwaukee seven straight times, including six in a row since coming to Minnesota in August of '85.

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Standings

National League East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	17	7	.708	—
New York	16	7	.696	.5
Chicago	11	13	.458	6
Montreal	10	12	.455	6
St Louis	10	14	.417	7
Philadelphia	8	13	.381	7.5
West Division				
Los Angeles	14	8	.636	5
Houston	14	9	.609	5

Mondays' games

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	9	7	.563	4
Kansas City	13	11	.522	4.5
Cincinnati	12	11	.522	5
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SPORTS

MILLWALL MOVE UP TO 1ST DIVISION

Portsmouth back in 2nd Division



Aldridge: 20th goal

Roman fined \$15,000

MEXICO CITY, May 3, (AP): The World Boxing Council (WBC) fined its super-lightweight champion Mexican Gilberto Roman \$15,000 after he tested positive for marijuana following a title fight last month, the WBC said yesterday.

Roman won the WBC crown on April 8 from Colombian Sugar Baby Rojas in a unanimous 12-round decision in Florida.

In a statement, the council said post-fight anti-doping tests conducted by the Florida Athletic Commission on Roman proved positive for marijuana. A second test last week by a university laboratory also proved positive, it said.

But the council said the levels of marijuana found in the test were too low to prove definitely whether Roman had fought under the influence of the drug.

LONDON, May 3, (Reuters): Portsmouth's brief association with life at the top in the English Soccer League ended yesterday when they were beaten 2-1 by Newcastle.

The defeat sent Portsmouth — managed by Alan Ball, a member of England's 1966 World Cup winning side — back to the Second Division after only one season. They had waited 23 years to earn a place among the elite of the English game.

Their misery contrasted sharply with Millwall's mood at half-time. Kevin O'Callaghan goal earning the London side a 1-0 win and promotion to the First Division for the first time in their history.

With Portsmouth, Watford and Oxford filling the relegation spots, the only issue to be decided in the basement of the First Division is whether Chelsea, beaten 4-1 by West Ham, or Charlton have to face the added drama of a play-off with the third, fourth and fifth-placed clubs in the Second Division for the one additional place on offer in Division One.

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escape the play-offs. Both teams have 41 points but Charlton, who successfully negotiated the play-offs last season, have the better goal average.

While the relegation issue took the spotlight, Liverpool, runaway leaders of the First Division, were being presented with the championship trophy at Anfield by English League secretary Graham Kelly.

But the expected win over Southampton did not follow.

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Manchester United, almost certain to finish runners-up to Liverpool, missed two first-half penalties away to relegated Oxford but still cruised to a 2-0 win.

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While the relegation issue took

the spotlight, Liverpool, runaway

leaders of the First Division, were

being presented with the champion-

ship trophy at Anfield by English

League secretary Graham Kelly.

But the expected win over

Southampton did not follow.

John Aldridge scored his 28th

goal of the season to give

Liverpool the lead in the 41st

minute, but Rodney Wallace

earned the visitors a 1-1 draw

with a goal midway through

the second half.

Manchester United, almost

certain to finish runners-up

to Liverpool, missed two first-

half penalties away to relegated

Oxford but still cruised to a 2-0

win.

The spot-kick misses by Peter

Davenport and Jesper Olsen

were sandwiched between goals

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